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# New Militia Is Poised On Outskirts of Kabul

# West Hopes Group's Call for Unity Will Finally Stabilize Afghanistan

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - After a victory that shattered their strongest rival, the crusading army known as the Taleban is at the gates of Kabul, poised for a showdown for control.

Western officials, queried about the lit-tle-known group, said Wednesday that the outcome of the struggle could finally stabilize the country and ease Islamic tensions throughout the region.

The movement, which emerged four months ago on the border with Pakistan, combines sophisticated military prowess with a fundamentalist Islamic creed.

Its call for national unity is powerfully appealing in a country fed up with the civil war that has raged among guerrilla leaders since Soviet troops were turned back three

After overrunning the headquarters of the major factional leader outside the capital on Tuesday, the Taleban was besieging the Kabul regime of President Burhanuddin Rabbani and the guerrilla chieftain Ahmed Shah Masoud.

Their forces withdrew into the city rather than risk confrontation with the Tale-

Negotiations were reportedly under way Wednesday between the two sides, perhaps aiming for a government pact with the Taleban, which has said that its sole goal is for Afghanistan to have single national administration enforcing an Islamic

While favoring a strict Islamic state in Afghanistan, the Taleban appears to be devoid of the international ambitions voiced by many Muslim fundamentalist movements and wary of links with Iran or nther Islamic regimes implicated in international terrorism.

This new force got off the ground thanks to Pakistan, which wants to see some stability in Afghanistan and is tired of seeing it function as a training ground for fanatics and terrorists," an Arab offi-

Veterans of the guerrillas fighting in Afghanistan have been active in the ranks of armed Islamic extremists in Algeria and

Pakistan publicly denies any involve-ment in the Afghan fighting, but Western officials said Wednesday that the Taleban was viewed favorably by conservative Muslim states, including Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, and, generally, by the West.

"They offer some hope of order in Afhanistan," a source said, adding that an slamic regime in Kabul was unlikely to cooperate significantly with other fundamentalist movements because it would oncentrate on national reconstruction.

In its march toward Kabul, the Taleban - it is well-armed and impressively disciplined, Western officials say - won its

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# Santer's Plan: Taking Over Where Delors Left Off

By Tom Buerkle nional Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - Adding to his reputation as consolidator rather than innovator, Jacques Santer listed his legislative priorities on Wednesday as wrapping up the Europe-an Union's unfinished business, including completion of the single market and moving toward a single currency by the end of

Mr. Santer, outlining his legislative agenda for 1995 to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, also stressed his determination to prepare Europe for the infnrmation age, saying it would be the chief area of activity this year for the European

Mr. Santer, the commission president, avoided mentioning EU border controls, a subject of controversy in Britain after a junior minister resigned over the issue last week and Prime Minister John Major vnwed Tuesday to veto any proposal to lift passport controls. The commission's 68page program promised a measure to elim-mate border controls, but it gave few de-

"All he's doing is avoiding rubbing the

boil," said one aide, "He's not conceding

Speaking for British Conservatives in Strasbourg, Lord Plumb urged Mr. Santer to consult the British Parliament before introducing legislative proposals.

Britain's Conservatives bave been divided by the increasingly anti-EU tone of Mr. Major's government, prompting two mem-bers to mount a challenge to Thomas Spencer, an ally of Mr. Major's, as leader of their delegation in Strasbourg.

als to increase competition in telecommunications, including authorizing competing telephone networks, as well as measures to protect intellectual property and personal privacy in an era of hightechnology information.

"We have the chance to shape our future," he said, "and it is essential that Europe carve out a place for itself at the forefront of these markets to ensure competitive jobs today and new jnbs tomor-

Although his program essentially amounted to a continuation of the work of his predecessor, Jacques Delors, the pre-See EU, Page 6

# MOSCOW MARKERS - General Boris Gromov, who led the pollout in the Afghan War, and Ruslan Ancher, another Afghan veteran and now Ingushetia's president, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Wednesday. As President Boris N. Yeltsin goes before Parliament on Thursday, he will be watched for signs about his health. Page 5. A Real Two-Party Italy? The Rush Is On

By Alan Friedman ...

ROME - Day by day, and with a sense that historical change is at hand, Italy has begun moving toward the construction of a two-party political system.

As a result, and for the first time in Italy's postwar history, twn broad coalitions - one center-left and the other center-right - could each plausibly capture more than 40 percent of the national vote at the next general election.

The contours of this bipolar system have begun taking shape in the last two weeks; part of the Northern League-Federal Italy since Romano Prodi, the former chairman and the left wing of the Popular Party, the of Italy's giant IRI state holding company, announced his decision to enter national

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politics and challenge former Prime Minister Silvin Berlusconi at the next election. Mr. Prodi, a free-market economist from Bologna, has quickly garnered the enthusiastic support of a wide range of

and the left wing of the Popular Party, the nump of the former Christian Democrats. Just as significantly, his debut has also been welcomed by many members of the Democratic Party of the Left, the former While the affable Mr. Prodi enjoys his

honeymoon with the Italian media, Prime Minister Lamberto Dini, who was treasury See ITALY, Page 6

# **Iraq Thwarts UN Sanctions** With Secret Oil Exports

\$800 Million Revenue As Illicit Trade Is Sent Via Turkey and Iran

> By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS — Iraq has set up a secretive export system for crude oil and refined products to get around United Nations sanctions that bar it from selling oil, according to nil industry executives. The sanctions were put in place after Iraq in-

vaded Kuwait in 1990. The sales have generated \$800 million in revenues for the struggling Iraqi economy in the last year alone, oil industry executives estimate.

The executives, some of whom are directly involved, say Iraq is taking advantage of a growing network of oil traders motivated by vast profits from the illicit

It is also using bundreds of trucks that carry the oil through Kurdish territories to Turkey or through Iran, as well as tankers

sailing into the lower Gulf region The sources say that Baghdad has increased the total amount of oil it exports through these secretive routes to around 200,000 barrels a day, bringing in a revenue of \$800 million in the past year. Iraq's exports prior to the the Gulf conflict were about 3 million barrels a day.

The United Nations allows Iraq to export about 75,000 barrels of oil a day to Jordan, with the revenues deposited in Jordan's central bank to cover Iraqi purchases of medicine and some foods.

"As long as the sanctions continue, we will see more and more vinlations of the sanctions," said an Iraqi opposition figure in London, who asked not to be identified. Many of Iraq's oil fields are in the north near Kirkuk, close to the Turkish border,

and in the south in Basra, close to the border with Iran. The smuggling network, largely managed by senior officials of the government who are related to President Saddam Hus-

sein, shows every sign of increasing as operations on both sides of the Iraqi borders have been set up to expand the export volume. The illicit trade is reportedly controlled by Mr. Saddam's son, Udai, and his brother-in-law, Hussein Kamil, the minister of industry.

The increase in oil exports during 1994 has been made possible, the sources say, with the tacit support of Turkey, Iran, Jordan and others in the region that feel

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# North Korea Raises Specter Of Scrapping Nuclear Deal

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON -- North Korea raised the stakes Wednesday in a tit-for-tat diplomatic dispute with the United States, suggesting that the entire nuclear deal between Pyongyang and Washington could be in jeopardy.

A spokesman for the North Korean Foreign Ministry was quoted as saying that his government "would have nothing to lose" if the agreement were to be scrapped over Washington's insistence that South Korea play a major role in one element of it.

The North Korean comments were in reaction to a statement last week by a highranking U.S. official, who said that the nuclear deal would be in jeopardy if North Korea barred a South Korean role in supplying modern "light-water" nuclear reactors to the North.

From all appearances, both sides in the dispute were ratcheting up their oratory to win concessions in negotiations over the final details of the nuclear agreement. Neither side has gone so far as to postpone talks that are scheduled for next month.

The State Department spokeswoman, Christine Sbelly, suggested that the North's statement might be an opening bargaining position in preparation for the resumption of talks. She added: "Our posi-tion still is the South Korean model repre-sents the only viable option. That's where

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we've always been. The North Koreans Under a deal reached in October, North

Korea would freeze its current nuclear program, shut down its graphite reactors and accept two light-water reactors financed by a consortium of nations, including South Korea.

Although the North denied that its re-

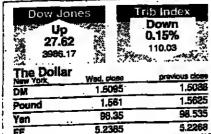
search program was secretly designed to produce nuclear weapons, it agreed to accept a new method of generating electricity, swapping its graphite reactors, which produce relatively large amounts of weapons-grade plutonium, for light-water reactors, from which weapons fuel is much

more difficult to extract. As talks continued, North Korea balked at accepting South Korea as the official supplier of the light-water reactors, even though South Korea was willing to finance the bulk of the project. The North argues that, as purchaser of the reactors, it can decide which nations to deal with.

According to some analysts, the underlying issue appears to be national pride on the part of both North and South Korea,

bitter enemies for years. On Wednesday, a statement from the North Korean spokesman read in part: "It might be better for us that the agreement is scrapped now in the initial stage than spending time with debate on the unfeasi-ble provision of light-water reactors."

The statement was carried by Pyong-See REACTOR, Page 6



#### **Violent Fans Halt U.K.-Irish Game**

DUBLIN (Reuters) — An exhibition soccer match between England and Ireland was abandoned Wednesday night when English fans petted the players and spat on the crowd after Ireland took a 1-0 lead.

A spokesman for a first aid organiza-tion said 60 to 70 people had been treated, mostly for head injuries.

The Football Association of Ireland called off the game after English spectators in upper-tier seats hurled coins, bottles, seats and other missiles.

#### U.S. Stocks Reach A Record High

The stock market in New York moved into record territory Wednesday, as fresh economie statistics led many big investors and traders to believe that an economic utopia of moderate growth and low inflation was at

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.92 points to a high of 3,986.17, despite warnings that the Federal Reserve Board might need to slow the economy a little more. (Page 13)

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HEBRON CLASH — Israeli troops chasing Palestinians on Wednesday. In Gaza, a rights activist was held. Page 2.

# Mali Struggles to Fend Off Rape of Its Cultural Heritage

AGENDA

By Howard W. French New York Times Service

DJENNE, Mali — In the shadow of a 14th-century mud-walled mosque, Bamoye Guitteye's wares, reproductions of some of this continent's most treasured art forms, crowd his small back-alley gallery.

In believe Mr. Guitteye, he sells only reproductions of the original terra-cotta figures, wooden masks and cast bronzes that regularly fetch tens of thousands of dollars for the dealers in Paris and Brussels who specialize in fine African art. But Malian officials say that if he is like

the dozens of other art dealers whose shops

dot the towns of the Niger River valley,

hidden in a back room can be found au-

a country's cultural heritage since Napoleon's Egyptian campaigns.

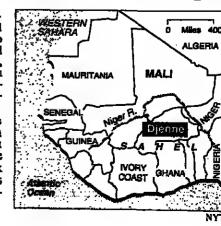
Just as this town serves as a sort of living museum of the Mali Empire, a Middle Ages center of learning and military prowess in the heart of West Africa's Sahel region, the broken fields outside of town have become a sort of museum to the vandalizing of an older civilization, which began 250 years before Christ and died mysteriously around the time of Islam's arrival here in the 14th century.

"This city predates the Arabs' crossing the Sahara, and is absolutely distinctive,

thentic pieces for sale to inreign collectors and dealers, part of what archaeologists said Roderick J. MacIntosh, an archaeologist at Rice University who first excavated describe as one of the worst destructions of the ancient Djenne site in 1977. "But so far, academics have only discovered and catalogued a relative few pieces of art, while thousands of others have just been ripped out of the ground and made chronological orphans that can never be studied in their original setting."

> At dusk or at daybreak, when the light is low and the temperature tolerable, barren fields that harbor ancient sites throughout the Niger River's inland delta come alive with the sound of digging, as ragged work gangs hired by the area's antique dealers labor to supply a mostly European clien-

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By Jo Ann Lewis
Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — As the Soviet Army closed in oo Berlin at the end of World War II, and its "trophy brigades" shipped home trainloads of looted art by Degas, Van Gogh and Renoir, an elite group of Red Army officers was doing some high-class collecting

of its own.

Fate was their agent: These architects and engineers had been billeted at Schloss Karnzow, 75 kilometers (45 miles) oorth of Berlin, the very castle where the cream of the great art collection from the Bremen Kunsthalle

art concerton from the Breneff Kuistiane had been sent to escape Allied bombing.

Count Königsmarck, whose castle it was, dutifully signed the receipt: 50 paintings, 1,715 Old Master drawings and watercolors, and 3,000 prints. But by the time the Russian officers arrived in 1945, the castle was oear pains the depriners and watercolors by Reruins, the drawings and watercolors by Ra-phael, Remhrandt, Rubens, Goya, Delacroix, Manet, Van Gogh — and 28 masterpieces hy Albrecht Dürer — were strewed about, inside and out, like damp autumn leaves.

Their guardian, Count Königsmarck, had long since rowed out to the middle of the oearby lake with his mistress, slashed his wrists, plunged ioto the water and drowned. The officers gathered up the art and it disappeared as the World War II alliance froze into the Cold War.

But since the Great Thaw, at least two of those aging former army officers — one who chooses to remain anonymous, the other Captain Victor Baldin, 76, retired director of a Moscow architecture museum - have attempted to return 465 of the pictures they rescued 50 years ago. So far, they've beeo

THER Bremen drawings have been found elsewhere — 14 in Azerbaijan, where they were deposited by the KGB — others on the European art market, still others offered from time to time by individuals willing to part with them for a "finder's fee."

And with increasing frequency they are surfacing in New York, where cash-starved Russians, believed to be stealing the pictures, are trying to sell them. In this regard, the Bremen pictures have opened a wiodow on the hurgeoning, shadowy traffic in stolen art from the former Soviet Unioo.

More than two dozen Bremeo drawings including Rembrandts, Dürers and Poussins, worth millions - have surfaced over the past few years in Manhattan. There are so many that the FBI has taken up the case.

On Wednesday, three drawings were returned to the Bremen Kunsthalle, oot quite two years after being seized in an uopubli-cized FBI sting. Two Washingtoo area meo -Thomas R. Kline, a lawyer, and Willi Korte, a crusading German historian — will deliver the drawings to the German Consulate in Manhattan, having convinced a New York judge that Bremen is the rightful owner.

But more, and far more valuable, Bremeo pictures have been appearing in New York, only to vanish again. The most important work sighted to date: Durer's atypically earthy scene of nude women titled "Das Frauenbad," or "Womeo's Bath." Informed dealers say the drawing would hring more than \$2 million if it could be sold, since there are oo Dürers oo the open market.

It appeared at a New York auction house last May, when two men, speaking accented English, brought in a large hundle of drawings for sale. The drawings seemed deliberate-ly interspersed through a pile of cheap reproductions and pages torn from magazines, according to the specialist who examined the offering. When he saw the Dürer, said the specialist, who declined to be quoted by name, his eyehrows rose.

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A reproduction of a Rembrandt drawing, "Haman Before Esther and Ahasneros." The original is one of the works being sought.

"It was beautiful for the brief moment I got to look at it," he recalled.

That picture, along with another Dürer and two Rembrandts, were known to have belonged to Bremen since each of them was clearly marked with the Bremen stamp. They were also listed in an illustrated catalogue of lost works published by Bremen in 1991. Told that the pictures could oot be sold, the two men gathered up their hundle and left.

HE masterpiece vanished. How could the dealer let the Durer get away? "It wasn't anything we could seize or stop," he said. "They elaimed they were acting for someooe else, and asked if the works could be sold privately. They even offered to cut off the Bremen stamps. I said we don't knowingly sell stolen

works of art, and they left."

Mr. Kline, the lawyer, and Mr. Korte, the historian, are now hunting for the Dürer and the rest of the lost treasure on behalf of Bremen. They are a formidable pair. They uncarthed and repatriated the medieval treasure of Quedlinhurg Church, which was plun-dered at the end of the war by an American army officer and retrieved from a Texas bank vault in 1990.

The works they are restoring to the Germans this week are pen-and-wash drawings that surfaced several years ago in the possession of Yuly Sact, a Russian immigrant and teacher now living in Houston. Mr. Saet said he had received them as a gift some 40 years carlier, while serving with the Red Army on an island off the coast of Estonia. He said his benefactor had a box filled with such drawings, which the benefactor claimed to have found in a half-sunken warship.

Mr. Sact traveled widely, trying to sell the pictures. A Manhattan art dealer tipped off the FBI, and in June 1993 the drawings were confiscated in a sting. No charges were filed.

Mr. Saet, who was described hy his Houston attorney as "brilliant" and "penniless," could oot be reached at the fax and phone oumbers provided by the lawyer.

HESE works appear to be of modest value, attributed to Poussin, Tihaldi and LaFage when last seen by Bremen experts in 1943. Mr. Kline and men experts in 1943. Mr. Kime and Mr. Korte are looking for greater troves: "Das Frauenbad"; another Dürer, "Madonna With Christ Child"; a Poussin titled "Landscape With Hunter and Dog"; two drawings attributed to Rembrandt, "Standing Woman (Saskia)" and "Haman Before Esther and Ahasuerus"; and others.

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And they have hopes that the poor economy in the former Soviet Union will flush these and other works into the open.

"I'm seeing more and more," Mr. Korte said. "And with the deterioration of the economic situation in Russia, people who have access to really good pieces of trophy art are obviously beginning to believe they're hetter off collecting a small percentage of the current market value in a Swiss bank than waiting for the Russian government to take it all." The Russian government seized Captain

Baldin's 364 salvaged works after he tried to return them to Bremen and later put them on exhibit at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. Like the more famous impressionist paintings plucked from Germany and stored at the Hermitage, the Bremen drawings are oow in a diplomatic limbo as the nations negotiate over who owns the wartime booty.

Throughout the former Soviet Union, the hlack market in trophy art is thriving. Ameri-can businessmen have been found buying treasures (in ooe case a Dürer, a Barocci and eight other Bremen drawings). Mr. Korte said he has been offered a painting hy Canaletto that once belonged to a German museum.

The Stolichny Bank in Moscow even runs oewspaper ads soliciting trophy art, offering to pay for clues leading to caches.

Thefts from museums and even libraries in Russia are escalating: a multimillion-dollar manuscript heist from the National Russian Library in St. Petersburg, for example, and the theft of two Polish trophy paintings from the Lvov Museum in Ukraine in 1992, during which the museum's director was murdered.

"Das Frauenhad" and its companion Rembrandts may have reached Manhattan as part of a heist. They were last reported seen in the art museum of Baku in Azerbaijan, which had actually displayed one of the Rembrandts. But late last year, according to Azerbaijani oewspaper reports, the museum was robbed. Some German authorities suggest that the "robbery," if it ever took place, was staged by higher-ups who wanted to market the drawings in the West.

# **Prominent Lawyer** In Human Rights Arrested in Gaza

By Joel Greenberg New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian police arrested a prominent human rights lawyer in Gaza on Wednesday after he criticized a decision by Yasser Arafat to set up a military court to try suspected anti-Israel mili-

The lawyer, Raji Sourani, is the director of the Gaza Center for Rights and Law, an affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva. The center has been critical of the Palestinian Authority's human

An employee at the center, Bernard Harborne, said the po-lice told staff members that Mr. Sourani was being held for questioning about his call for Mr. Arafat to rescind the order establishing a military court. A spokesman for Mr. Arafat coo-firmed the arrest, but gave no

Uoder pressure from Israel to prosecute militants suspected in attacks on Israelis, Mr. Arafat oo Feh. 7 ordered the establishment of a court headed by a military judge. Palestinian efforts to curb violence will be a focus of a meeting on Thursday between Mr. Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Isra-

On Sunday, the center said setting up a military tribunal "appears to undermine the basis of democracy," and was the most serious violation of homan rights since the start of Palestinian self-rule last May.

The center warned that the new tribunal might consider evidence unacceptable in civil courts and sanction excessive arrests and interrogation.

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The tribunal has been criticized by other Palestinian rights groups, but unlike Mr. Souram's center, they are in the West Bank and Jerusalem, beyond Mr. Arafat's jurisdiction.

# Mandela Says 'No' To Any 2d Term

CAPE TOWN - President Nelson Mandela on Wednesday pronounced himself fit for his age, but he ruled out .

serving a second term.

"Oh no, definitely oot," Mr. Mandela, 76, said when asked if he would seek to extend his five-year term as South Africa's first democratically elected head of state. The oext elections

"In 1999 I will be 79 or 80," Mr. Mandela said. "I don't think an octogenarian should be meddling with political

"I would like to give over to a younger man," he said. "I will be available for advice if they want me, but to occupy a position as a head of state — definitely, I woo't take that

Asked about occasional speculation on financial markets that he was in poor health, he replied: "I think somebody is gaining a lot through spreading these rumors."

Standoff Over School Busing Near Cape Town The police on Wednesday turned hack about 200 white residents who tried to stop black studeots from attending a school in their neighborhood, The Associated Press reported from Cape Town.

It was the second straight day that white residents of Ruyterwacht, a working-class suburb north of Cape Town, gathered at the school to protest the busing of hlacks from the township of Khayelitsha.

The protesters, carrying clubs and holding dogs on leashes, wanted to prevent school buses from approaching the building. The police formed a line that pushed the protesters back as the buses arrived, carrying more than 3,000 students aged

At one point, a student with a stab wound was taken by car from the school compound and died later at a hospital. The wound was believed to have come during a fight in the school with another student but it was not known if the incident was racially motivated.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### New London-Brussels Eurostar Fare

LONDON — The cross-Channel train operator Eurostar will diversify its London-Brussels fares in the oext few days in hope of

attracting more passengers to the route, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said Eurostar might introduce a lower fare for younger and older passengers but offered oo specifics. There are no plans for similar changes in Londoo-Paris fares.

(AFX)

Italian airport workers will strike Feb. 24 from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., union sources said, in a protest against a decisioo by Alitalia to lease two Australian aircraft, including crews, as part of an

A partial air strike in France is set for Feb. 23 and 24 by unions representing the domestic Air Inter line if management refuses to gotiate employment cooditions and guarantees.

Varna and the Georgian port of Poti will be linked by a ferry line tarting in March. The link between the Bulgarian Black Sea port and the Georgian city is expected to improve routes from Europe to Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq and Kazakhstan. LOT, the Polish carrier, will resume flights to Lebanon on March 27, to become the 27th foreign airline to return to Beirut loternational Airport since the 1975-1990 civil war. (AFP)

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# Zany New Weapons for U.S. Team in Somalia

By Eric Schmitt

U.S. forces who will evacuate with an array of oew "oonlethe last United Nations peace- thal" weapons from guns that

keepers from Somalia in the fire tiny beanbags to sticky Marine officer in charge of the weapons, General Zinni and his next new weeks will be armed from that immobilizes rioters. Six-nation armeda, may have cossess at the U.S. Central Connot only with M-16 rifles and WASHINGTON - The helicopter gunships but also

As the United States joins more peacekeeping operations that require controlling crowds, commanders are searching for alternatives to using deadly force to avoid civilian casualties

and protect U.S. troops. The Pentagon is hoping to use the operation in Mogadishu, which officials say should last a week or less, as a proving ground for a new generation of experimental weapons intended to stun or ensnare potential foes

rather than kill them. "Whether we use them or oot I can't predict, but they are valuable because they give the local commander the option to cootrol crowds and potentially explosive situations with the least amount of force possible." Deputy Defense Secretary John M. Deutch said.

Tight secrecy shrouds what nonlethal weapons Lieutenant General Anthony C. Zinni, the

General Zinni to use rubber hullets, the bean-bag shotgun and, after some initial objections, two kinds of supersticky foam. Senior officials rejected an experimental laser gun that temporarily hlinds hostile

Coast, was the operations direc-tor of the U.S.-led force that 1992 to ensure delivery of relief

top Somali leaders. In requesting the conlethal treat.

mand, which oversees the oper-Indeed, the use of the new ation, no doubt wanted to avoid technologies is so sensitive that repeating one painful experi-

senior Pentagoo lawyers had to give their blessing. "We're breaking oew grouod with this stuff," said a senior general familiar with the operation.

After a high-level review, Pentagon officials authorized conceal one or more snipers. Twenty-four Pakistanis and about 20 Somali civilians were killed in the exchange in June 1993.

"We took a look at what we could use to break up a crowd formation before they became dangerous to troops," a senior Geoeral Zinni, who com- general said. "The idea was if mands all Marines on the West you don't have to hurt people, doo't do it."

As many as 2,700 U.S. Maentered Somalia in December rices and 500 Italians are poised to land in Mogadishu supplies and knows most of the and set up defensive positions during the final days of the re-

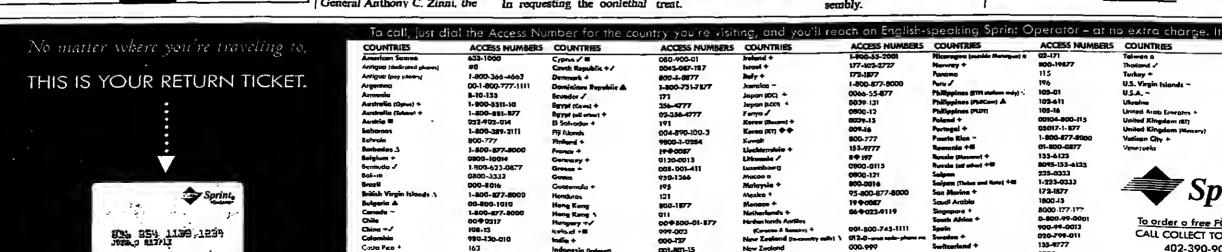
#### Gloomy Survey For Kohl Partner

HAMBURG - Germany's ailing Free Democrats, junior partners to Chancellor Helmut

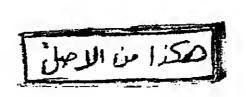
Kohl in Bonn, could lose their spot in the Bremen Parliament when the oorthern city-state votes in May, according to a survey made public Wednes-The liberal Free Democrats

have failed to muster enough votes to be seated in the last nine state elections, and some analysts suggest that further setbacks coold prompt oew calls for the resignation of the party's leader, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel. The party faces a tough election in Hesse this weekend.

The Bremen survey, which was published in Stern magazine, gave the party 4 percent of the vote, less than the 5 percent needed to re-enter Bremen's assembly.



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# New York Mayor Proposes Giant Cuts in Spending on Poor

By Steven Lee Myers New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A proposed finan-cial blueprint from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani that includes a huge cut in New York City's spending has been harshly criticized by Democrats and advocates for the poor.

Together with state cuts, the plan would drastically reshape municipal government and slash services to the

The City Council speaker, Peter F. Vallone, a Democrat, said members recognized the severity of the projected \$2.7 billioo budget gap the Republican mayor's plan would reduce. But he said the council would resist drasnic cuts in education, youth services, welfare and Medicaid.

He said that many of the cuts would ripple disastrously through the city's

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Washington Post Service

Wall Street analyst has cut the

oearly junk-bond status, saying

that the District of Columbia has failed to grapple with its financial crisis and that inves-

tors who lend it moncy face

The analyst, the Standard &

Poor's Corp., said that the only reason the ratiog was oot dropped to that of junk bonds,

the status given to issues hy

companies on the verge of

bankruptcy, is that the district

can borrow from the U.S. Trea-

And even then, the company

concluded in an analysis re-

leased Tuesday, the district's

problems are so severe that

rating on the city's bonds from

A minus to BBB minus, a signif-

icant downgrading that means the district may have to pay millions of dollars more to bor-

It also means that Mayor

Marion S. Barry Jr. will not be

able to go ahead with plans to save \$70 million this year by

restructuring the city's debt, ac-cording to financial analysts

"Although the district's fiscal

problems have been discussed

at great length over the last sev-

eral years, little headway has

been made in correcting the de-

teriorating situation," Standard

The concerns outlined by the

credit rating company are at the center of a debate locally and in

Congress, which has jurisdic-

tion over the district, over

whether Mr. Barry has acted

quickly enough to cut spending.

eral Accounting Office and tes-

timony by Barry administration

officials in the District of Co-

· lumbia Council hearings last

week indicated that despite an

extensive round of council bud-

get-cutting late last year, the

administration has not followed

Frustrated at what they see as

fiscal inaction, a group of coun-

cil members has threatened to

take more direct control over

city finances unless Mr. Barry

becomes more aggressive.

Those members want Mr. Barry

to cut the wages of city workers

and dismiss as many as 1,500

It was another salvo in a war

between the council members

and the mayor. On Monday, Mr. Barry threatened to pull police protection and other city services from the wards of

council members who voted to

cut property taxes last week, saying that if they were going to

take money from him, he would

direct the oecessary spending

through with spending cuts.

Both an analysis by the Gen-

and Mr. Barry's advisers.

lenders should be wary. Standard & Poor's cut the

row money. "

& Poor's said.

sury if it runs out of money.

growing risks.

U.S. capital's credit rating to

WASHINGTON — A major

Its Credit

cacy organization, called the proposal \$600 million in savings on health care, Giuliani and the council cut last year "an unprecedented attack on the

ernor George Pataki's austere budget for the state, Mr. Giuliani said that the city, for the first time, would reduce public assistance and health care for ts poorest residents. In fact, he called on the governor, who is also a Republi-can, to go further to cut those costs, which the city and state share.

generous for too long, the mayor pro-posed a budget of nearly \$30.5 hillion for the fiscal year that begins in July, a reduction in spending from the current fiscal year of \$1.3 billion, or 4 percent.

In addition to the cuts in welfare

pensions and work rules, in exchange for a pledge to avert layoffs.

And he announced that he would reduce spending in city agencies by an added \$600 million, affecting services virtually across the board - from summer youth programs to money for the City University of New York.

The mayor's preliminary budget the first step toward adoption of a final hudget by the City Council in June — is likely to provoke a pitched ideological battle over the city's priori-

"Make no mistake that many of the cuts advanced by the mayor and the governor would hurt not only the poor," Mr. Vallooe said. "They would hurt working people. They would hurt the elderly. And they would hurt a significant part of New York City's

The mayor's preliminary budget

- underscored the depth of the city's enduring shortfall between tax reveoues and expenses.

The projected gap for the fiscal year 1996 has mushroomed steadily over the last year, due in part to a \$500 millioo decline io tax revenues because of the flat economy on Wall Street and a \$265 million drop in anticipated aid from the state and federal governments. The gap also reflects a \$300 million increase in the city's contribu-

tion to worker pensions.

By far, the deepest cuts in Mr. Giuliani's hudget would fall in welfare and Medicaid health insurance for the poor, which account for 15 percent of the city's spending and which the may-or proposed cutting by \$1.2 billion. In his state hudget, the governor

proposed cutting those programs by \$1.9 billion, saving the ciry an estimat-ed \$800 million since it shares the Penelope W. Pi-Sunyer, executive and health care, the mayor also asked director of City Project, a liberal advothe city's municipal unions to agree to the \$2 billion in spending that Mr. Save the city \$400 million more. costs. Mr. Giuliani has called on Mr.

The city's fiscal monitors and bond raters responded positively, although they cautioned that much of the mayor's plan still required approval from the state legislature and unions

Richard P. Larkin, the managing director of Standard & Poor's, said that the plan could avert a downgrading that his bond-rating agency had threatened last mooth.

But to do so, he said, the mayor had to win agreement from Albany to re-duce the state's spending on Medicaid and welfare hy \$400 million more than even the governor has proposed — cuts that would allow the city to reduce its spending by the same amount. And he would oeed the unions' approval for the \$600 millioo in givebacks.

Jeffrey A. Sommer, the acting executive director of the state's Financial Cootrol Board, which monitors the city's finances, said the budget plan signaled an honest attempt to address

# Clinton Draws Line **Against Republicans On National Security**

By Dana Priest and Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration set up a major confrontation with Congress over national security policy, with President Bill Clinton charging that the defense bill laid out by the Republicans would limit the nation's ability to respond to international crises and hamper the president's "constitutional responsibility to conduct U.S. foreign policy." Secretary of State Warren M.

Christopher and Secretary of Defense William J. Perry have recommended that Mr. Clintoo veto the hill if Congress approves it

The bill, being debated oo the House floor, embodies the defense priorities outlined in the Republicans' "Contract With America." It would re-

the debate on hudget austerity and gov-

"This is a tremendous day," be said. A "mission statement" issued by the

freshmen outlined four principles for

eliminating departments — "privatize, localize, consolidate, eliminate."

"We're oot talking about eliminating all the functions," said Representative Charles Joseph Scarborough, Republi-can of Florida, chairman of the educa-

tion task force. "Our focus is not on

ideological arguments, but on what

didn't forget why they came."

strict U.S. participation io United Nations peacekeeping operations; advocates strengthening anti-missile defenses, and calls for a more robust military.

Mr. Clinton said in a letter to the speaker of the House of Representatives, News Ging-rich, Republican of Georgia, that the bill would "undercut U.S. leadership abroad" and "would place U.S. forces at greater risk by forcing us to act unilaterally or oot at all."

Republican leaders in the House said at a oews conference that the hill would leave the president plenty of room to deploy troops for national security reasons and would create a

stronger military.

The Republicans' bill, the National Security Revitalization Act, lacks detailed or ironclad language to force many changes in defense strategy or foreign policy. The bill has little support in the Senate, except on

the issue of peacekeeping.

But both parties have taken a high profile on the matter. The Democrats want to establish themselves as the party with the most responsible and practical, post-Cold War defense position. The Republicans want to paint themselves as minders of a strong defense who believe that the Democrats are handing too much mooey and authority to the United Nations.

The bill also advocates including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

On anti-missile defense, both sides are trying to gain rhetori-cal advantage. The bill calls on the Defense Department to de-ploy an anti-missile defense system "at the earliest practical date."

The language of the bill and current administration policy are fairly close on the issue. The Defense Department spends about \$400 million a year on developing a limited and-missile defense system, one the Republicans admit would fulfill their near-term development goal as well.

The statements by the administration Tuesday were part of a coordinated effort to repostion itself on defense matters. It is time to "set a marker," a high-ranking defense official said, to beat back the Republican bill and pre-empt efforts to add stronger anti-peacekeeping amendments to separate legisla-

While the House debates the bill, the administration will press to kill it. Mr. Christopher was to meet Wednesday with conservative and moderate Democrats on Capitol Hill; Madeline K. Albright, the U.S. delegate to the UN, met with 10 members of Congress on Tues-day and plans to lobby moder-Clark, consistently objected to day and plans to Mr. Bailey's line of questioning. ate Republicans.

#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Plan to Merge Agencies Approved

WASHINGTON - Republican leaders in Congress have endorsed a plan to consolidate three independent foreign policy agencies into the State Department, a proposal the White House has already rejected.

Under the proposal, the Agency for International Development, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the U.S. Information Agency would be taken over by the State

"It will be good for the country and be good for the taxpayers, particularly," said Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina, who heads the Foreign Relations

Mr. Helms proposed to merge the agencies into the State Department on the ground that it would save money and ensure that the foreign policy hureaucracy spoke with one

His proposal was immediately backed by the Senate majority leader, Boh Dole, Republican of Kansas, and the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia.

Mr. Helms sought to lure Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, the lone witness at the hearing, into supporting the Republicans' reorganization proposal hy saying he was merely recommending what the secretary of state had already recommended to Vice President Al Gore.

Mr. Gore had asked the State Department to suggest ways of streamlining the foreign policy bureaucracy, hut on Jan. 27 the vice president rejected the department's proposal to consolidate the agencies. He said then that such a move would undermine cost-cutting efforts that the agencies were already (Steven Greenhouse, NYT) carrying out.

#### House Takes Bite From Crime Bill

WASHINGTON - The House has defied President Bill Clinton and approved \$10 billion in crime-fighting block grants that would eliminate financing toward a goal of 100,000 additional police officers, the centerpiece of a major

anti-crime law the president signed five months ago.

Io passing the bill, House Republicans completed the first phase of their rewriting of the 1994 law. The last of six and-crime measures sent to the Senate, it passed 238 to 192, 52 votes short of the two-thirds' majority oeeded to override a presidential veto.

Mr. Clinton said Tuesday night in California that he would do his best "and go into the Senate to work with people wbo understand law enforcement" to try to defeat the House hill. But in a speech at San Bernardino Valley College, the

president repeated a warning he gave Saturday, saying, "If I have to, I will veto any hill that attempts to undermine the commitment we made last year" to put more police oo the

#### White House Won't Push Hearings

WASHINGTON - The White House will oot ask the Senate to begin hearings on the nomination of Henry W. Foster Jr. as surgeoo general until at least mid-March, a timetable that Clinton administration officials believe will leave the nominee in better shape to confront his criocs.

The four-week delay was described by White House aides Tnesday as necessary to let the FBI complete its check into Dr. Foster's background. But they also indicated that they were not at all unbappy about such a waiting period.

Indeed, aides to Mr. Clintoo made clear that they believed

Dr. Foster's prospects for winning Senate confirmation would improve with time. Some said Dr. Foster, 61, an obstetrician-gynecologist,

would benefit by gaining distance from episodes that have raised questions about his candor on abortions he has performed. The aides also suggested that the lag would help the White House effort to portray his Senate critics as captives of the right-to-life movement.

#### Quote/ Unquote

Mr. Helms, speaking to Mr. Christopher at a Foreign Relations Committee hearing: "I have had the majority staff look into the way our government executes decisions the president makes in foreign affairs. The way it is now structured, it is a mess. No one person is in charge." (Reuters)

# **Medical Board Mandates Abortion-Skills Training**

By James Barron New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The group that supervises graduate medical education in the United States has voted to require that prospective obstetricians be taught abortion skills, saying it wanted them to receive the fullest possible training from the teaching hospitals where they work as medical residents.

The new requirement applies only to programs that train obstetricians and gynecologists, and spells out alternatives for hospitals with moral or religious objections.

Programs that refuse to provide the new abortion training could be stripped of their ac-creditation, which teaching hospitals oeed to qualify for federal reimbursements for the services medical residents provide to pa-

John C. Gienapp, the executive director of the Accredita- Jan. 1. tion Couocil for Graduate Medical Education, said the new standards were the first specifically mendoning abor-

Until now, he said, the standards have said residents were to receive clinical experience in family planning. That implied but did not spell out competence in performing abortions, he said.

But with fewer abortions being performed at hospitals, some doctors have come to helieve that they oeed to reassure patients about the competence of a doctor who may have to treat a woman who has had a spontaneous abortion, or recommend that a patient undergo an abortion to save her life.

Abortion opponents immediately denounced the move.

"Coercing people and institudons to participate in the de-struction of innocent life is a great evil," said Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activides.

The changes are to take effect Alexander Sanger, the president and chief executive of Planned Parenthood of New

York City, called the vote "gratifying."

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THE ROLL OF THE WAY

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It is a dispute that Congress will ultimately referee, begin-ning next Wednesday when two Republican representatives, Thomas M. Davis 3d of Virgin ia and James T. Walsh of New York, coovene a House hearing to look at the city's finances. The credit rating assigned to the district hy Standard & Poor's is its lowest "investment

cuts at their constituents.

junk honds, which carry substancal risks for investors. "The Treasury window statute, which allows the district to receive advances to meet expenditures, is considered strong enough to keep the district's ratings in the investment-grade range at this time," Standard & Poor's said. "While bondholders can receive some comfort from this provision, it does not ensure full and timely payment of debt service."

grade rating," just one step above the BB plus level used for

Embracing the philosophy of Gov-

Saying that the city had been too

fo his statement accompanying the hudget plan, Mr. Giuliani portrayed the "tough measures" of his plan as a necessary correction to the failed liberal policies of the past.

By Guy Gugliotta
Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - Republican

House freshmen have muscled their way

into government "reinvention," promis-

Republican of Kansas, said at a ocws

Mr. Brownback said the freshmen "do

not have specifics" on how they would

abolish the departments but formed four

"task forces" charged with developing draft legislation "sometime in the

The freshmen briefly outlined argu-

ments for eliminating the departments but made it clear that essential functions

LOS ANGELES --- A prose-

cutor said Wednesday that O. J.

Simpson's blood was left on a

gate near the slashed bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald L. Goldman.

The match was determined through recently completed DNA tests, said Deputy Dis-

trict Attorney Rockne Harmon.

Previously, prosecutors said Mr. Simpson's blood had been

found alongside hloody foot-prints leading from the bodies,

which were found outside Mrs.

ing a hearing ont of the jury's presence in which attorneys ar-

gued over evidence sharing.
The tests are showing that is

Mr. Simpson's blood," Mr.

The statement was made dur-

Simpson's condominium.

Harmon said.

departments.

conference.

Mr. Christopher, left, and Mr. Perry answering reporters' questions in Washington.

First-Term Legislators Flex Muscles

grams or agencies would exist indepen-dently or be rolled into other depart-iments, several members said. Their sketchily described proposals broke little new ground, tracking closely with initiatives already broached in Congress or within the Clinton administra-

ing to produce detailed plans in the next few months for eliminating four cabinet The freshmen put the departments of Commerce, Education, Energy, and Housing and Urban Development co the block. On the whole, they "do not have essential functions within the government," Representative Sam Brownback,

And Representative Sue Myrick, Reonblican of North Carolina, one of the heads of the Housing Department task force, said she was interested in replacing

nearly one-third of the party caucus would be preserved. Individual pro- had decided to become a power center in

defense until it had had time to would impose "unbelievably

ipated defense claims that the ples.

police bad planted Mr. Simp-

son's blood at the crime scene.

Simpson's blood taken the day

after the killings. If that hlood

These other tests will show

ernment reinvention.
Several Republican House luminaries were on hand to pay homage. The Budget Committee ehairman, John R. Kasich, Republican of Ohio, praised the "high-octane people" in the freshman class, who "when they got here

Representative Todd Tiahrt, Republican of Kansas and energy task force chairman, acknowledged that the government would continue to manage the ouclear stockpile, even though "it's time to turn the lights out on the Energy

federally assisted housing with portable rent subsidy vouchers. This idea is a canon of the restructuring program.

Still, the news conference served nooce that the 73 Republican freshmen more than one-sixth of the House and

tion's budget director.

Mr. Scarborough said the freshmen in some respects were echoing less-thancomplimentary sentiments about the Education Department expressed by Alice M. Rivlin, the Clinton administra-

Simpson Blood Was on Gate, Lawyer Says

"Would you explain to the jury how you could not believe conduct different tests that, it negative sanctions" if the dehoped, would undermine antic- fense lost or destroyed the samthat you obliterated something that you couldn't see in the first place?" Mr. Bailey asked. Earlier, F. Lee Bailey made his cross-examination debut in Before long, Mr. Bailey had the trial, demonstrating how he the tired screeant - a 25-year the presence or absence of a had earned his reputation as blood preservative that coro-ooe of the most renowned veteran of the force at the time

ners used on a sample of Mr. American defense lawyers. First, he asked Sergeant David Rossi if he had stepped on any footprints at the crime

had been planted there, Mr. Harmon said, the preservative scene. Mr. Rossi said he had would show up. DOL Superior Court Judge Lance What about the invisible A. Ito ruled that the prosecu-tion could hold onto the gate footprints, Mr. Bailey asked. Footprints, left hy the killer, blood and other samples, inthat can he detected only

chuding blood found on socks at through dusting or viewing with Mr. Simpson's house, to test for oblique light? the preservative. Mr. Rossi, the first officer at Other blood samples must be the scene, said he did not think Mr. Harmon said the prose-turned over to the defense, he had stepped on any foot-cution did not want to turn over Judge Ito said, for its own test-Mr. Bailey pounced.

# the gate blood sample to the ing. But the judge warned he

 Jurors awarded \$5.2 million to a woman and her husband for physical problems she claimed were caused by leaking breast implants. It was the first time that Dow Chemical Corp. has been found liable in a lawsuit over the prod-uct. The jurors, in their 10th day of deliberations in Houston, decided that Dow Chemical was responsible for 20 percent of the damages suffered by Gladys Laas, a retired ourse, and her husband. Dow Corning Corp., which is owned hy Dow Chemical and Corning Inc., was found 80 percent liable.

San Luis Obispo, io the third family planning clinic blaze along the Southern California coast in a week. The FBI said it appeared to

**Away From Politics** 

• The man accused of killing two women in attacks on abortion clinics has pleaded oot guilty to Massachusetts charges that could pnt him in prison for life. At his arraignment in Dedham, John C. Salvi 3d pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and five counts of assault with intent to murder in the Dec. 30 attacks in the Boston • Fire gutted a Planned Parenthood clinic in

shares his name.

suhurb of Brookline. The oext day, he was arrested after allegedly firing shots at an abortion clinic in Norfolk, Virginia. (AP) Colin Ferguson, who claimed an unidentified white man stole his gun and killed six people on a Long Island Rail Road train in December 1993, has offered another theory: The killer was a black man who looks like him and

# Fire Hits Taiwan Nightclub, Killing at Least 64

TAIPEI - At least 64 people died Wednesday when fire swept through a night club and restaurant complex in the

central Taiwan city of Taichung.
The police in Taichung said that 64 bodies had been recovered from the building, but that rescuers had yet to enter the huilding's third story.

"The third story is covered by a metal sheeting which is too hot at the moment to rip open," a fire fighter said. "There will be more corpses inside."

Flames swept through the three-story structure and burst through the roof. It took 37 fire engines and 400 firemen some two hours to douse the hlaze.

Television showed fire hoses directing water onto the metal shell that covered

the building, but much of the water seemed to run off the metal before it could reach the flames. The cause of the fire was not immedi-

The huilding was a well-known kar-aoke parlor. Such nightclubs are generally made up of a warren of small rooms in which customers sing along to the

words of songs displayed on a television

"I heard an explosion at one corner of the bar, and in seconds fiery flames shot up and soon engulfed the other part of the restaurant," one survivor said. "I

grabbed my girlfriend's hand and fled." He said they were able to escape because they were sitting near the restaurant entrance.

"I saw the waitresses get the fire extinguishers and then we heard a big bang," nother survivor said.

State relevision quoted a witness as saying that a narrow stairway between the first and second floor had been jammed with people, making escape dif-

The Central News Agency quoted a because we heard some explosions, fire fighter, Wu Ching-fang as saying said one witness, who works in a hospithat all of the windows in the huilding tal near the nightclub. had been sealed and that there was only one ground-floor exit and no provisions for escape routes in case of fire.

Most of the survivors, the police said. were dining near the front door of the restaurant and a locked back door had prevented customers in the rear from

Karaoke pariors have been the site of lethal fires in Taiwan before. Thirteen people died in a karaoke parlor fire in the capital in October.

Many of the parlors have been crincized for poor safety standards. "At first we thought it was a car crasb

"It looked like there was a company

usual," she said. Mayor Lin Po-jung of Taichung, who was in Taipei when the fire broke out, rushed back to direct the fire fighting, (Reuters, AFP)

# **Bhutto Sets** Off Fury of Pakistan's **Muslims**

The Associated Press ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Muslim clerics filed contempt function there because it was fuller than charges against Pakistan's prime minister Wednesday after she criticized a court that had sentenced a 14-year-old

boy to hang for blasphemy. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had said she was "surprised, shocked and saddened" by the death sentence, which is mandatory under Pakistan's hiasphemy laws. Although she said she would not intervene in the case, the clerics saw her criticism as contempt of court.

Analysts said the charges

against Miss Bhutto were likely to be dismissed.

Miss Bhutto is scheduled to visit the United States in April, and the analysts said she had been trying hard to improve ber country's human rights record before then. But if her government speaks out against the verdict they noted it risks a backlash from Muslim extremists. Salamat Masih, 14, and his

uncle, Rehmat Masih, 40, were sentenced to hang last week by a court that convicted them of blaspheming Islam in the east-

attorney, Asma Jehangir, was beginning arguments Wednes-

# BRIEFLY ASIA



BANGLADESH STRIKE - The police arresting a protester Wednesday in Dhaka, where members of the pro-Communist Left Democratic Front demonstrated outside government buildings during a half-day general strike in support of raises and security for mill workers.

#### Phnom Penh Shuts Critical Paper

PHNOM PENH - Phnom Penh said Wednesday it had temporarily shut down a newspaper for insulting the country's political leaders.

Today, the Ministry of Information has definitely decided to close the publication of Udom Katei Khmer (Khmer Ideal) newspaper temporarily until we have a press law," said Ung

cized with insults the government and the leadership of the government," he said at a news conference. A new draft press measure is expected to be debated in the National Assembly in April and become law shortly after.

The president of the Khmer Journalists Association, Pin Samkhon, said that to close the paper violated the spirit of the new press law. "When we have a difference between the government and the newspapers, it's up to the court to decide," be said. "To close it is the wrong way." (Reuters)

BANGKOK - A Frenchman was acquitted Wednesday of insulting Thailand's king after his lawyer claimed he was merely angry at the poor service aboard an international

the charge of insulting the king in hopes of receiving a reduced

He had allegedly made remarks insulting the royal family during a Thai Airways International flight Dec. 17. He was arrested when the flight from London to Japan made a

after his lawyer pleaded that the Parisian businessmen made his harsh remarks because of fatigue and frustration with poor service on the flight on which he was traveling first class. He faced a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

Thailand, whose citizens generally revere the royal family, is one of the few countries to prosecute lese-majeste cases, and several go to trial each year.

that Mr. Kisielewicz's words were meant as an insult against King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

#### Mine Kills 8 Soldiers in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India - Eight Indian soldiers and one civilian were killed Wednesday when the army truck in which they were traveling hit a land mine in Kashmir, defense officials

No one claimed responsibility, but Muslim militants campaigning for Kashmir's independence from India often target Indians troops. (AP)

#### Taiwan to Curb Ex-Cons in Politics

TAIPEI - Taiwan will restrict the political aspirations of former convicts in a bid to curb the growing influence of organized crime in politics. Justice Ministry officials said

Those convicted of involvement in seven types of felonics including drug trafficking, extortion, prostitution, possession of firearms and organized crime - will be barred from running for elected posts, the officials said.

#### **VOICES** From Asia

President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines, ordering a military buildup to counter an alleged Chinese incursion into part of the Sprauly Island chain claimed by Manila: "Right is clearly on our side here. Being in the right endows us with a unique kind of strength that armed might cannot easily put (Bloomberg)

Phoolan Devi, the so-called Bandit Queen of India who spent 11 years behind bars for allegedly gunning down 22 men to avenge her gang rape, in emhracing the Buddhist faith in Nagpur, India: "Buddhism is not a religion.... It is a way of of life and the passage to peace which leads people on the path

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, in Sydney, on earnings of the medical division of Pacific Dunlop Ltd., which faces a lawsuit in the United States over defective leads for heart pacemakers: "By virtue of prudency we bave factored in somewhat of an Armageddon."

#### U.S. and Vietnam to Search For Remains of 85 Soldiers

for clues to the fate of 85 U.S. the Vietnam War.

to Lang Vei Special Forces covered, defense officials say.
camps in central Quang Tri
An additional 505 U.S. ser-

Eight teams will spread out soldiers unaccounted for from across Vietnam to interview witnesses and excavate old bat-A survivor of one 1968 bande thefields, burial sites and areas will help to dig for the remains where U.S. helicopters and airof five missing comrades, said Major Randall Garrett of the U.S. Air Force, the operations officer for the U.S. office here of the U.S. office here of called missing comrades, said planes crashed. The five-week operation will be the 34th in a series that started in 1988, Major Garrett said.

loughby, is a retired major in the U.S. Army's Special Forces, action or lost over the ocean. or Green Berets. He will return but their bodies were never re-

Province that were overrun by vicemen were unaccounted for North Vietnamese tanks and in in Laos, 77 were lost in Cambo-

a specific battle to take part in nam must do more to determine searches, Major Garrett said, what happened to those missing Mr. Willoughby is expected to before full diplomatic relations

# Philippines Sends More Troops to Spratly Islands

MANILA — President Fidel V. Ramos on Wednesday ordered more Philippine troops to the disputed Spratly Islands, raising the stakes in a monthold war of words with China over its occupation of a reef claimed by Manila

But analysts here discounted an immediate confrontation over the chain, saying Manila recognized its military inadequacy and Beijing had much to lose in terms of diplomatic ties with Southeast Asia.

The South China Sea archipelago is also elaimed in whole or in part by Brunei, Malaysia,

Taiwan and Vietnam. In a statement after a meeting of the National Security Council, President Ramos acknowledged the Philippines' "limited capabilities," but ordered the Department of De- South China Sea."



fense to strengthen its naval presence near Panganihan Reef, a part of the eight Spratly Islands claimed by Manila. Manila called the Chinese Navy's occupation of the coral

reef a "forceful demonstration

of China's claim to the entire

now on the islands, a much smaller force than the two battalions stationed there in previous years, military sources said.

The Ramos order is not meant to be "aggressive" and is "a demonstration of the Philippines' resolve that we are not giving up any claims," said Ju-lius Caesar Parreno, director of the private Institute for International and Strategie Studies

Last month, Manila accused Beijing of building a hase on the island, also known as Mischief Reef, and of detaining Filipino and fishermen seeking shelter in the area. Beijing denied the accusa-

Noel Morada, an analyst at the Institute for Strategie and Development Studies, said that China was more dependent

than ever on international opin—into the issue. Vietnam and ion and that such concerns less—China clashed in the Spratlys in ened the chance of a confronta-"China compared to 10 years

ago is highly sensitive to eco-nomic and diplomatic pressures and cannot afford to lose its diplomatic ties," he said. In his statement, President Ramos said Manila had lodged

"a strong diplomatic protest" with China and bad briefed its neighbors and fellow members of the Association of South East Asian Nations — Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand - on the situa-

Manila was also in touch with the government of Vietnam, he added.

Mr. Ramos, in a new approach, proposed in his statement that every disputed island be placed "under the stewardship of the country closest to it," provided that each nation then allowed anchorage and other "peaceful pursuits" by the other claimants.

1988 and have since confronted

each other repeatedly over at-

tempts to conduct oil explora-

He added that China's occupation of the reef was not only ern city of Lahore. an issue between China and the
Philippines. He called it a "mulHigh Court there. Their defense tilateral concern not merely of

nam, he added.

But Mr. Morada warned against bringing Vietnam—soon to be an ASEAN member countries interested in the long-day when she was interrupted by lawyers for the cleares who filed contempt charges against Miss Bhutto.

The two credit unions, Tokyo protect depositors heyond the Kyowa Credit Association and Anzen \$100,000 deposit insurance guaranteed

Credit Association, are both being in- on all legal deposits. The rescue itself came into doubt for violating various regulations. For Wednesday, Reuters reported. Tokyo example, they exceeded the legal lend-municipal officials confirmed that ing limit for a single client, making a bage withdrawals of deposits - up to 70 billion yen (\$700 million) of the 244.2 billion yen in the two institutions in late November - might scuttle the

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# Japan's Lawmakers Delve Into Scandal Over a Banking Bailout

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - The collapse of two small credit unions has suddenly erupted into a nationwide billion-dollar scandal, entangling senior politicians and raising questions about the

way the banking system here operates. Parliament opened an inquiry into the collapse of the credit unions Wednesday.

That came a day after a top official from the New Frontier Party, the newly formed opposition party, stepped down. Reports had alleged that the institutions had improperly lent large sums to his family. And a former De- to comment on allegations about his fense Agency chief reportedly lived

rent-free for a time in an expensive his political fund-raising activities. apartment provided by a company that was run by the head of one of the failed credit unions.

Both politicians are close associates of the leader of the New Frontier Party, which had been trying to build an image as an untainted party hattling corruption and promoting political restructuring.

So the resignation of Toshio Yama-

guchi, who was one of three deputy secretaries-generals, is likely to be a sethack for the party. An aide to Mr. Yamaguchi, who was also a former labor minister, refused to comment. Similarly, Keisuke Nakanishi, the former Defense Agency chief, refused

In its first formal entry into the issue, Parliament received a list Wednesday of main depositors of the two credit unions and summoned a senior central bank official for questioning, Reuters reported from Tokyo. The list of 283 depositors at the institu-

tions was made public after scrutiny

hy the budget committee.] Japan has in recent years been rocked by many scandals, but in this case, it was surprising that the Finance Ministry and the central bank, the Bank of Japan, decided to rescue the credit unions. The Bank of Japan announced in December that it would help set up a new bank to take over more than \$1 billion in bad debts from

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ment company run by members of Mr. Yamaguchi's family.

The Bank of Japan is investing \$200 million and major private banks, and financial institutions will put in another \$200 million to rescue the two eredit unions. The central bank said that the

intervention was necessary to ensure

stability in the banking system and to

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large portion of their loans to a company called EIE International Corp.
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#### apartment as well as other criticisms of the failed institutions.

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arrested 12 people who it said

recent weeks. The gangs, dubbed "ninias," bave been hlamed for the disappearance of five youths and the maining of several civilians.

A spokesman for the East Timorese military, Major Lacdan Simbolon, said Wednesday from the capital, Dili, that "12 during a concerted raid by police and the military." In a telephone interview, he

said the 12 were either sympathizers with or members of an urban pro-independence movement known as "Clandestine." But many people in East Timor, including officials of the Roman Catholic Church, be-

tary intelligence to terrorize supporters of independence. Major Simbolon said the detainees had been bent on "creating disturbances in Timor."

lieve the gangs are paid by mili-

#### Opponents Scoff At Kenya Leader

NAIROBI - Twenty-three Kenyan opposition legislators accused President Daniel arap Moi on Wednesday of inventing coup conspiracies in order

to detain his critics. "President Moi is struggling to silence his critics while he continues repeating the myth of an imminent guernila war," the members of Parliament said in a statement read by Michael Kijana Wamalwa, chairman of the main opposition FORD-

Kenya Party. In a speech in the Rift Valley town of Molo, Mr. Moi said a new group of clandestine conspirators was working to topple his government and ignite civil strife. Mr. Moi. 70, also warned that laws prohibiting insults against the president and his office would be strictly en-

belonged to gangs of black-clad, hooded men who have a bank guard was kidnapped, been terrorizing local people in beaten and left for dead at a local plantation Monday. One of the victim's ears was cut off.

The Indonesian military chief in East Timor, Colonel Kiki Syahnakri, also contacted by telephone Wednesday, said, The ninja issue currently circulating in Dili was intentionally launched by East Timorese people were arrested Tuesday anti-integration groups for political aims."

"Integration" refers to Indonesia's annexation of the former Portuguese colony in 1976. Jakarta declared East Timor its 27th province that year, a few months after its troops in-

however, has not been recognized by the United Nations, which still views Portugal as the administrative authority there. Colonel Syahnakri, meanwhile, acknowledged that six men who were killed last month by Indonesian troops in the province were a mix of civilians

vaded the region. The move,

and members of the Fretilin independence movement. But he maintained that the civilians were "under the influence" of the Fretilin movement.

the others were civilians who had recently joined Fretilin. He said the investigators he sent to the scene on Jan. 13, n day after the shootings, told him that there was evidence

ings, the military claimed that all the victims were Fretilin guerrillas.

The Indonesian state secretary, Murdiono, said Saturday that a military investigation of the incident had found irregularities in the slavings.

# The colonel said two of the six were known guerrillas and

that the four had joined the movement in November. Immediately after the shoot-

But witnesses, including a source close to the Catholic Church, said that all the victims were civilians and that they had been executed by soldiers. The witnesses contended that the six were slain to avenge soldiers killed in a battle with Fretilin fighters the day before.

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Cambodia's senior leaders, especially the co-prime ministers, Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen, have taken an increasingly critical stand against local and foreign media whom they accuse of unjustified negative reporting.

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Lech Tomacz Kisielewicz, 45, had earlier pleaded guilty to

scheduled stopover in Bangkok. The three-judge panel ruled in favor of Mr. Kisielewicz

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# **Protestants May Quit Peace Talks** In Ireland

By Fred Barbash

BELFAST - Northern Ireland's main Protestant political party threatened Wednesday to boycott peace talks here be-cause it fears that the agenda is being stacked against their community.

Their threat, if carried out, could prove extremely damaging to the peace process bere. The party represents the major-ity of Northern Ireland's majority Protestant population.

Their statement comes as British and Irish officials are putting the finishing touches on a proposal for the future governance of Northern Ireland that is to form the framework for talks among parties represent-ing the Protestant community here and the minority Catholic

population. Leaks about the contents of the proposal have been coming steadily in the past few weeks, and have suggested a strong role in the new Northern Ireland for "cross-border" institutions, the various agencies in which officials from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ire-

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land will participate. Press reports bave also said that the proposal will include a mechanism to give Catholics greater power in a new North-ern Ireland legislative assembly than their numbers would war-

Leaders of the Ulster Unionist Party, considered the most moderate of the Protestant parties, regard both of these elements as fatally tilting the future negotiations toward the 'nationalists" in Northern Ireland, those, like the Sinn Fein Party, who favor and end to British rule and reunification

with ireland. Party leaders met with Prime Minister John Major seeking reassurance that the reports were untrue. Apparently, they did not get them. In the after-math of that meeting, the Unionists sent Mr. Major a letter protesting the "nationalist" agenda they fear is being set for

the talks. Their fears were heightened by a meeting Tuesday here between the Irish foreign minister. Dick Spring, and Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ire-

land, Sir Patrick Mayhew. Elaborating in a BBC Radio interview, David Trimble, a leading Ulster Unionist member of Parliament, said that "if the document comes out and it is as had as some of the reports in the papers this morning say. then I think we would have to

seriously consider that line." The Ulster Unionists' formal position is opposition to any cross border institutions that exercise serious power and even greater opposition to any special "weighting" of a Northern Ireland assembly to give greater power to the 43 percent minor-

ity Catholic population.

British and Irish officials are hoping that the Unionists' current stance is simply a negotiat-ing posture, on which they will compromise. They have stressed that the "framework document," which may be re-leased next week, is just a "talking paper" which will be subject to negotiation among all of Northern Ireland's political parties and, ultimately, to a referendum here.



Jozef Oleksy, right, and his party's leader. Alexander Kwasniewski, discussing a new Polish cabinet Wednesday.

# Prospective Polish Chief to Present Cabinet in 2 Weeks

WARSAW - Poland's ruling leftist Parliament's lower house, declined to coalition is likely to present its new cabinet for Parliament's approval in two

weeks, the prospective prime minister, Jozef Oleksy, said Wednesday, Mr. Oleksy, who is now the speaker of

give the names of proposed ministers, saying candidates still had to be dis-cused by the coalition members, the Polish Peasant Party and the Democratic Left Alliance.

But a senior coalition leader who spoke on condition of anonymity said that Finance Minister Grzegorz Kolodko and Privatization Minister Wieslaw Kaczmarek would retain their posts

# Is Yeltsin Ill? Both Russia and West Ask

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW - As President Boris N. Yeltsin prepares to go before a joint session of Parliament on Thursday to ask Russians "to believe in him again," as one newspaper put it, there are muted but growing con-

cerns about his health. Alarm bells went off last month when a leaked report by the Central Intelligence Agency asserted that Mr. Yeltsin has a worsening problem with alcohol. They rang louder last weekend, when video footage of Mr. Yeltsin at a meeting in Kazakh-stan's capital. Alma-Ata, showed him walking unsteadily, grabbing an aide for support

and having difficulty speaking. Officially, the Russian government has rebuffed all repersuade the West, and the International Monetary Fund, that economic and political stahility will soon return to Russia.

Senior Western diplomats say that Mr. Yeltsin seems ill, that he has periods of depres-sion and heavy drinking, that his attention span is more "cpi-sodic" than before. But no one pretends to know the true state of Mr. Yeltsin's health.

Mr. Yeltsin recently turned 64 in a country where the average male life expectancy has fallen to 59.

Mr. Yeltsin's face, these days, is a kind of testament to the struggle. Five years ago, when he was battling for his dignity against the Soviet president, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who tried to destroy him, Mr. Yelt-sin was thinner and fit, Today, his face appears puffy. When he smiles, rarely now in public, his

eyes seem to disappear. One Western intelligence

more than an average Russian chens were demanding a comman of his age and experience, plete Russian withdrawal. The two sides agreed Mon- said they will work out an exwhich was understood to be a day to a partial cease-fire, for change of prisoners and the delicate way of saying, "He heavy weapons, and they ex- dead. drinks a lot.

In Alma-Ata on Friday, Mr. Yeltsin appeared less hoisterous than ill.

Mr. Yeltsin has a bad hack from a plane erash, and is said by senior Western diplomats to take painkillers that may cause him difficulties if combined with alcohol. He is said to take cortisone, which could help explain the puffiness. He has heart problems, and some doctors, though cautioning that they do not know his history, say he seems to suffer from arteriosclerosis.

There are also rumors about liver or kidney problems, and there was another set of rumors that while Mr. Yeltsin was bospitalized for two weeks in Dequests for comment. There are cember, as the Chechnya invafew more sensitive topics for a sion began, he had had another presidential administration try- operation as well as surgery on ing to find a plausible solution a deviated septum. But rumors are seneral in a political hierarchy that more and more resembles a court, and no one who

knows is telling. Should Mr. Yeltsin die in office, the prime minister. Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, would become acting president and must call new elections within three

■ New Accord in Chechnya Russian and Chechen offi-cials agreed Wednesday to a complete, two-day cease-fire in Cheehuya, The Associated Press reported from Sleptsovsk.

A limited cease-fire arranged Monday was punctuated by widespread artillery and missile attacks south of the Chechen capital, Grozny, and both sides have expressed doubts the new

pact would hold. Negotiations were to resume Friday. The Itar-Tass press agency said the Russian side was demanding that the Cheagency said of Mr. Yeltsin, two chens disarm and surrender years ago, "that be drinks no their weapons. It said the Che**London Faults Union Aid** 

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LONDON - Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd of Britain attacked European Union aid programs to developing countries Wednesday as "diffuse" and "haphazard" and said London would reduce the amount of aid it channels

through Brussels In a speech to the Overseas Development Institute, a research organization, Mr. Hurd said Britain was determined to limit the erosion of its

bilateral aid caused by expanding EU programs.

Although some aid has been effective, he said. "We have less confidence in the real impact of some other EC orograms, including emergency aid and the large sums going to Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union." Britain spends a quarter of its aid through the

#### Fish Quota Protest Planned

STRASBOURG - The European Commission will formally object to a cut in the European Union's share of Greenland halibut catches, an official with the EU's executive body said Wednesday.

The protest will object to a quota set by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on the Union's share of the catch off southeast Canada. It will be lodged by Tuesday, according to the official, who is a member of Fisheries Commissioner Emma Bonino's cabinet.

The multinational fisheries organization, which was formed to protect fish stocks in the northwest Atlantic, parceled out a 27,000-ton halibut quota for 1995 on Feb. 1. It gave EU nations 3,400 tons, instead of the 17,500 the .Union requested, while Canada got 16,300. Russia received 3,200 tons and Japan 2,600, with the rest shared among other members. (Reuters)

# Rights Bog Russia Request LONDON — Russia's bid to join the Council

of Europe, suspended after its attack on the breakaway republic of Chechnya, will not be reactivated until Moscow agrees to abide by "basic rules and standards" of human rights, the head of the council said here Wednesday.

Referring to Russia's military intervention in the hreakaway republic, the council head, Daniel Tarschys of Sweden, said, "We don't dispute that panded the ban to all arms Wednesday. They also have this is an internal matter for Russia.

"But even in handling internal matters, there are certain basic rules and standards by which member countries are bound," he said. If Russia

wants to be a member, he said, "it must abide by

these basic rules."
"The whole convention on human rights." Mr. Tarschys added, "is basically about how you handle your citizens internally.

He said he hoped Russia could join. "but I wouldn't try to define a timetable." (AFP)

#### Swede Backs Turkey Pact

STOCKHOLM - Foreign Minister Lena Hjelm-Wallen of Sweden criticized Turkey's human rights record Wednesday, but said the abuses should not block its trade pact with the European Union. Mrs. Hjelm-Wallen spoke after meeting with

Foreign Minister Murat Karayalcin of Turkey during his one-day visit to Stockholm.

"He admits that torture is being used," Mrs. Hjelm-Wallen said. "But it's not enough to admit it, you also have to do something about it."(AP)



European Union events scheduled for Thursday: BRUSSELS: Meeting of representatives from 70 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and the European Union to finalize the midterm revision of the Lome IV Convention, which runs through the year 2000, and to discuss EU financial aid. BRUSSELS: President Jacques Santer of the European Commission meets the head of the German company Siemens, Heinrich von Pierer, STRASBOURG: The European commissioner for information policy. Marcelino Oreja, addresses the European Parliament on the coming Group of Seven meeting on information in

STRASBOURG: During a plenary session of the European Parliament, the Commission pre-sents its declaration concerning the EU directive on "Television Without Borders," which was delayed Monday.

NANCY: The European ministers in charge of public office meet in this eastern French city to address opening national public offices to citizens of EU countries and to speak of cooperation in training for the modernization of administrations in Europe.

BRUSSELS: The joint commission between the EU and Slovakia will meet to prepare the accession of Central and Eastern European nations to Sources: Agence Europe, AFP. the Union.



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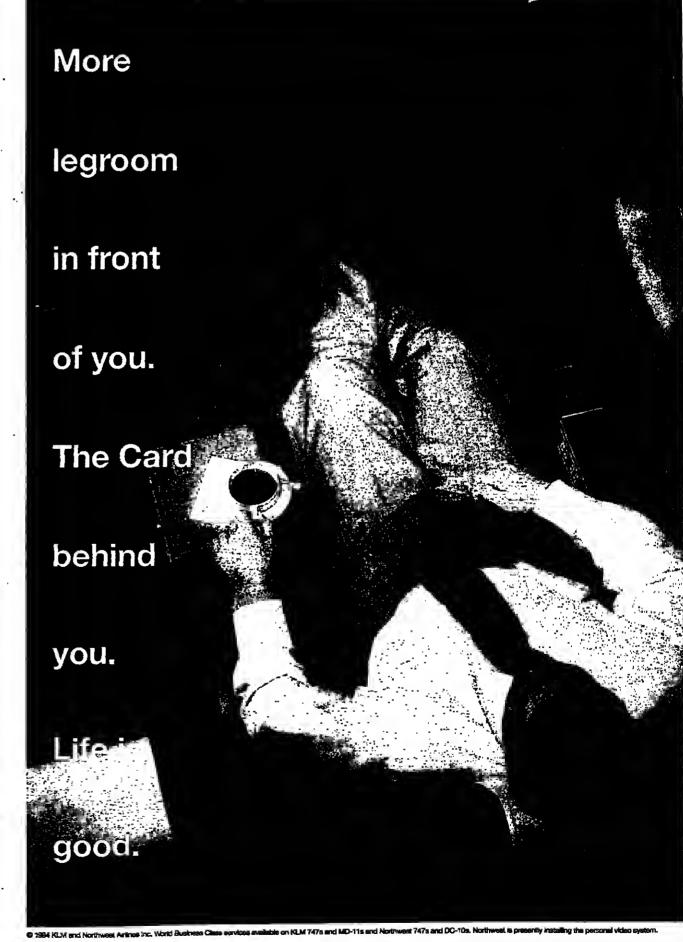
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**EUROPEAN** Around Europe **TOPICS** A case of too much democracy? The entire electorate of Switzerland will be going to the French Shake a Historic Aversion The French have come a long way from the days when a bath was considered such an extraordinary event that the bather would stay in bed for a week afterward, wary of chills and infection (at least if he had the

means, as Louis XIII and Louis XIV did). Or when, in the Middle Ages, even the wealthy might own only a single shirt, which they were loath to wash. The change has been dramatic, says the weekly L'Express. As late as 1951, the Larousse medical guide suggested that "a bath or shower may be taken weekly." Today, the French take 5.2 baths or showers a week; they brush their teeth an average of 1.8 times a day; 9 in 10 wash their hands before meals. These figures place them solidly in the West

European mainstream. Indoor plumbing is more common now than even 20 or 30 years ago. But a constant pummeling on television and radio from soap and shampoo advertisers also played a part. "Sure, fine, we're clean now," grumbles Jean-Mars Lock a sociologist who says the Lock. Marc Lech, a sociologist who runs the Ipsos polling firm, "hui they forced us to wash. The

pressure was constant." If the French long seemed allergic to soap and water, they had historical reason for it, the social scientist Georges Vigarello points out. When the plague struck Marseille in 1347, water was hlamed. In the paranoia of the day, lepers, Jews and vagabonds were accused of poisoning wells, rivers and springs.
Water supplies in the capital were notoriously had unlif the 19th century, when Baron

Haussmann undertook a colossal upgrading of the system as part of his redesign of Paris.

polls next year to decide on the fate of a commune of 70 inhabitants. The people of Vellerat want to leave Bern canton and join the canton of Jura, where they send their children to school, mail their letters and bury their dead. But to do so, a federal vote is required, followed by a Bern cantonal vote, a vote in Vellerat and finally one in Jura. The cost: more than 4.5 million Swiss francs (\$3.5 million), or about 65,000 francs per Vellerat resident. "It's madness," complained Mayor Pierre-André Comte, who said a simple written agreement should have sufficed.

Unwitting tourists who refuse to pay the sometimes exorbitant fares charged by Prague taxi drivers may be in for a shock: Some drivers have wired their rear seats. The number of taxi drivers in Prague has tripled since 1989, and abuses have soared as well. Last year, in a city-run sting operation, every cab driver sampled was found to be over-charging, by 4 to 10 times the legal fare.

Meter-rigging is common, as are long detours. The quality of invective heard in the British Parliament bas sadly deteriorated, writes Peter Millar in The Sunday Times. Snarling references to fellow members as "dinwits" and "nitwits" show a distressing lack of imagination, he says; they would do well to hark back to Churchill's example. It was Churchill who gracefully managed to circumvent the strongest Commons taboo: calling someone a liar. After one speech by Aneurin Bevan, Churchill said: "I should think it was hardly possible to state the opposite of the truth with more precision."

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# China Touts Raids on Piracy

# CD Plants Targeted as Talks With U.S. Resume

By Steven Mufson

BEIJING - China said Wednesday that it was widening its crackdown on pirated compact and laser disks, as Chinese and U.S. officials resumed talks here in an effort to defuse threats of a trade was over the protection of intellectual prop-

erty.
The official newspaper, the People's Daily, said that officials from the State Copyright Administration had raided several compact disk plants that Washington had accused of making bootleg copies of copyrighted music and videos.

The newspaper said teams sent from Beijing to the prov-inces of Guangdong and Jiangsu "carried out law-enforcement investigations of some laser-disk production lines." One plant, Dragon Arts Sound Co. of Guangdong's Zhuhai Special Economic Zone near Macao, was being prose-cuted for wholesaling fake CDs and was stripped of its husiness license, the paper said.
The theft of intellectual prop-

erty by Chinese companies is at the center of rising tensions between Beijing and Washington. American companies allege that the illegal copying of everything from music and movies to automobiles, computer software, razor blades and chemicals has cost them billions of dollars in sales.

China has responded that it is doing everything possible to control the problem, but that it needs more time because the piracy is so widespread. It has Rather than lobhying the called U.S. demands excessive U.S. trade representative to and labeled them interference in China's internal affairs.

The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, has an-nounced that Washington will impose punitive t00 percent tariffs on \$1.08 billion worth of Chinese imports unless an agreement is reached by Feb. 24. The closure of at least some of the factories churning out pirated compact and laser disks has been one of Washington's prime demands.

A U.S. official said the raids were not discussed at the negotiating sessions Wednesday. The U.S. Embassy issued a statement that said the talks had been "frank and amicable" out added. "There are still a large number of issues to dis-

Top officials from both coun-

talks will be one of mutual benefit, mutual understanding and mutual concessions," Wu Yi, minister of foreign trade and economic cooperation, said as she arrived. "I believe and I hope that this time the talks will

be successful. "They can meet the de-mands." Mr. Kantor said Tuesday, "and they can meet them before the deadline." He added, They need the will. I hope they have the will. This is not a new issue. They know exactly what they need to do. They know how to do it, the language is

Among other things, Washington has demanded that Beiing ministries promise to stop their common practice of using pirated computer software. China has said that if the

United States carries out its tariff threat, it will retaliate with its own duties on selected U.S. goods and that it will block U.S. companies from obtaining new contracts in China. In an apparent effort to soft-

en U.S. demands, a Chinese automobile industry official told a newspaper this week that China had selected either Ford or General Motors over other automakers as the partner in a venture to make a family car for its domestic market. But the official said the deal was being held up because of the dispute over intellectual property. Chinese officials had said earlier that no deal on a new foreignowned auto plant would be signed before next year.

soften demands made on China. U.S. auto executives have said they support his position in the piracy talks.

The People's Daily made no mention Wednesday of Shenfei. a Guangdong factory that U.S. officials say is the most flagrant violator of China's anu-piracy laws. Industry officials assert that Shenfei has flooded Asia with fake compact and laser disks, costing music oublishers and Hollywood studios tens of millions of dollars in lost sales.

The raids described by the newspaper were part of a nationwide crackdown ordered in January by the State Council, China's cabinet, on the burgeoning market for unauthorized disks, many featuring top Western music and movies.

Police actions in 23 provinces tries had earlier expressed hope yielded more than 357,000 pi-

that an agreement could be reached.

"I hope the spirit of these talks will be one of mutual bensales peak, the period before the Spring Festival, China's biggest holiday. More than 75,000 bootlegged CDs were among the seized goods, the People's Daily said.

The trade talks this week are the nintb round of negotiations with China over protection of

intellectual property.

Despite tough talk from the United States over the copyright issue, Mr. Kantor's proposed tariffs affect a relatively small portion of trade between the two countries. The United States imports roughly \$30 billion worth of goods from China each year. One important item that would be affected by the proposed tariffs - winter apparel - will not be manufactured for several months, allowing more time for negotiations. Moreover, the Clinton ad-

ministration is proceeding with economic cooperation with Beijing in other areas. Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary arrives in China on Sunday.



Foreign Trade Minister Wu Yi urging "mutual concessions" before entering talks Wednesday with U.S. trade officials.

# REACTOR: North Korea Raises Possibility of Scrapping Nuclear Accord KABUL:

yang's official press agency, KNCA, which is monitored in Seoul and Tokyo.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said last week that the South Korean role was "fundamental" to the nuclear accord, and another senior U.S. official was quoted as saying that South Korea's "national prestige" was at issue.

A day later, Winston Lord, the State Department's top Asian affairs official, made a more explicit statement of the U.S. view, saying that North Korea was "going

to have to accept South Korean reactors, otherwise it will be a deal-breaker."

Birthday Party for Kim Jong II Mr. Lord also said he believed that North Korea would eventually "come

around" and accept the South's role. He is to visit South Korea on Feb. 22 to coordinate differences over the deal. According to The Associated Press, the

North Korean statement on Wednesday denounced the U.S. remarks, suggesting that the accord could fall apart If this is the U.S. policy, it will compel us to change our decision." the spokesman

was quoted as saying.

North Korea beld a mass rally Wednesday to celebrate the 53d birthday of Kim Jong Il amid indications that he may formaily take power soon. The Associated Press reported from Seoul.

Prime Minister Kang Song San and other major government and party leaders were said to bave attended the rally in Pyongyang and sworn allegiance to Mr. Kim. The government had already designated the day as the nation's "greatest

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across party lines in Parliament.

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In particular, he welcomed a commitment to beef up the

commission's efforts to combat

fraud within the EU bureaucra-

head of the Christian Democrat

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# Crusading Army

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most significant victory Tues-day in overrunning the head-quarters of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the former guerrilla leader wbo became Afghanistan's prime minister after the Soviet ithdrawal.

His Islamic Parly, a prime recipient of U.S. aid during the Soviet occupation, has been a major source of weapons train-ing for volunteers from other Muslim countries.

But he aroused fears among other tribal leaders, who succeeded in preventing him from entering Kabul. For the last three years, his group has been shelling Kabul from its Charasyeb headquarters, 20 kilometers (12 miles) outside the city.

For many Afghan civilians, coherent package designed to restore jobs and competitivethe Taleban offers relief from this brand of factional fighting. ness, increase cohesion between

Estimated to be 25.000 strong, the Taleban -its name means "religious students" — was founded among Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The nucleindustry and the public before offering legislation, and he us includes former army offipromised an evaluation of the cers, defecting guerrilla commanders and former mujahidin who quit fighting after the Soviets withdrew.

"I bope the commission will be judged on what it does, and In the five provinces it con-rols, all bordering Pakistan. For Djenne and o the Taleban has won popularity Socialist bloc in the European by cleaning up extortion, drug Parliament, applauded the apsmuggling and sexual abuse by guerrilla leaders who have beproach, saying it "should give

#### ward "people policies" like la- Peru Cease-Fire To Be Monitored protection and the environ-Petrus Cornelissen, a Dutch By 40 Observers Christian Democrat, said Mr.

come warlords.

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States will each send 10 observers to monitor a cease-fire between Ecuador and Peru in their border conflict, Foreign Minister Guido di Tella of Ar-

But in spite of overall sup-port. Wilfried Martens, the gentina said Wednesday, But the four nations, all guarantors of a 1942 treaty ending an earlier war between Ecuador ment that Mr. Sanler had not and Peru, will not send the observers until they are sure they will be safe, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Both sides will have to give guarantees," he said, detailing an announcement made earlier

by Mr. di Tella. Ecuadoran and Peruvian roops have maintained an uneasy truce since Tuesday after Peru declared a cease-fire to end almost three weeks of armed conflict. In Quito on Wednesday, Ecuador accused Peru of sending two armored divisions to the disputed border, an assertion Peru denied. After a war in 1941 hetween the two countries, the 1942 treaty ceded nearly half of Ecuador

Peru. Ecuador later rejected the treaty, saving it had been pressured to sign by a United States eager to turn its attention to World War II.

#### Foreign Ministry Aide Shot to Death in Algiers Agence France Prope

ALGIERS - Bachir Bentayeh, 40. a Foreign Ministry official, was shot to death and his wife critically injured in an attack outside their home south of Algiers, press reports said. in another development. Belkacem Fettah, 42, a member of the Islamic Revivat Movement, was found dead Monday at Chelef in southwestern Algeria, newspaper reported. The movement was one of those that took part in opposition talks in Rome last month.

# 5 Powers Push Offer On Serbian Sanctions

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Five major nations put forward a new Yugoslav put forward a new rugusav
peace proposal Wednesday, offering President Slobodan Milosevic of Serhia relief from
sanctions if he renounces the
goal of a Greater Serbia from
the ashes of Yugoslavia.

The diplomacy had no immediate impact on the battlefields

diate impact on the battlefields around Bihac, in northwest Bosnia. United Nations agencies struggled to prevent a humanitarian disaster in the encircled Muslim enclave, where fighting had blocked aid deliveries to the starving population.

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The United States opened the way for the new initiative to Mr. Milosevic by the five-nation "contact group," which also includes Britain, France, Germany and Russia, by agreeing to offer Serbia relief from sanctions.

In exchange, Mr. Milosevic would have to recognize Bosnia and Croatia and face the wrath of Serbian nationalists - a tall order for a leader steeped in Serbian nationalism whose government long backed the Bosni-

Diplomats say Mr. Milose-vic's response will determine the future of a contact group's peace plan, which would split Bosnia-Herzegovina roughly in half between the Bosnian Serbs and a federalion of Croats and the mostly Muslim Sarajevo government

A senior French official is due in Belgrade shortly to put the initiative to Mr. Milosevic.

#### MALI: Heritage at Risk

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Just as Napoleon's Egyptian conquests stocked the great museums of France, the work of these diggers bas often made its way into the Western world's most prestigious collections, with museums like the Smithsonian Institution having paid more than \$100,000 for single

A 1993 U.S. law now prohibits the importation of ancient Malian art, but on streets like the rue de Seine in Paris, home to a number of shops specializing in African art, a high-margin trade in Malian antiquities

For Dienné and other artrich areas of this country, the results bave been devastating. Pottery shards litter the countryside around this town, a byproduct of the unearthing of long-buried archaeological

"As you can see, we are baying a great deal of difficulty conserving this site," said Boubacar Diaby, a Malian archaeologist involved in preservation efforts, "Between the looting of man and the ravages of crosion, this whole area could soon be destroyed forever. But it is the pauperization of the people that is the greatest threat to these

objects. You can explain to the peasants here why they should help protect their heritage." he said. but as long as the people are desperately poor there will al-ways be diggers."

Like many of those trying to protect their country's treasures. Mr. Diaby also blained Western museums and other collectors, who he said have focused narrowly on their own needs, rarely helping African

conservation efforts in the field. There is a big difference hetween public and private collectors," said Philip Ravenhill, curator of the Smithsonian's African an collection, "We do not gather this material as a profit-making investment, hul to foster understanding of African culture. In museums like ours these items remain available for study and apprecia-

Mali's president, Alpha O. Konaré, an archaeologist who worked with Mr. MacIntosh on the excavation at Djenne, said that he understood the needs of great museums to build their collections, but that they also had an obligation to help poor countries like his build regional museums or do other things to help protect their heritage.

They should seek out small partners, because it is on the ground here that this heritage must be saved. Mr. Konare said. "Usually, though, after saying that they are interested. nothing more is heard from them. It seems that after spending fortunes on acquisitions, a sudden fear of spending money prevents them from acting.

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# IRAQ: Secret Oil Exports Foil Ban

the sanctions imposed on Iraq have gone on too long and are putting strains on their economies because of the missed revenues from trading with Bagh-

The export system comes at a time when dozens of international oil companies from France, Italy, Russia, Britain, Spain, Canada, Asia, and Latin America are said by executives to have concluded talks with Baghdad over plans to produce and export Iraqi od once the sanctions are lifted. The aim is to increase traq's production over the next few years to 5

million barrels a day. Baghdad is planning a major international od conference on March 11 and 12 in which scores of representatives of the oil industry are expected to take part.

The Iraqi oil minister, Safa Jawad Habubi, confirmed his country's dealings with the oil companies in those countries when he told the Middle East Economic Survey, a Cyprusbased oil industry newsletter. in January, that these negotiations produced contracts which will be implemented once the sametions are removed.

Earlier this month, another oil-industry newsletter. Petrostrategies, published in France. quoted the chief executives of the two huge French international companies. Total and Elf Aquitaine, confirming they had completed a set of talks on a project to begin exploiting some of frag's largest oil reserves the moment sanctions are lifted.

Iraq ranks second after Saudi Arabia in oil reserves, with an estimated 100 billion barrels, the equivalent of 10 percent of the known global reserves.

lrag's current oil production is esumated at 75tt,000 harrels a day, of which it refines a substanual part into products like gasoline, fuel oil and other defivatives, some for domestic use and some destined for the illicit

Serge Tchuruk, president of Total, was quoted recently as saying: "If an opportunity arnse lo sign an agreement with Baghdad before sanctions are lifted, for implementation af-

terwards, we would do so." The rush of French oil companies to seal deals with Iraq. oil industry executives say, re-

ceives encouragement from a

French government that has fa-

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construction in the region.

mantly refused to consider a lifting of sanctions.

Oil executives in London.

In the north, the traqi regime rehels who collect a tax on every truck, which yields money their conflict against Turkey. They are the same Kurdish re-

trade in Iraqi oil from its conders between Iraq and Iran.

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an Commission who dashed the French left's hopes when he deeided in December not to run for president, will head the support committee for the Socialist candidate. Lionel Jospin, sources in the campaign said

oil trader in London said, noting that the price of similar oil from the Gulf region is closer to \$14 on world markets. "That's a big discount, which explains wby many of us are willing to take risks to move that od." he

larger vessels near Dubai.

PARIS - Jacques Delors,

sanctions against Baghdad. The French government's view, od executives say, is that after the Gulf war only the United States and Britain emerged as major trading partners with other oil powers in the Gulf, including Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, cutting France, Germany, Italy and other Western allies out of a bonanza of contracts for the purchases of oil, weapons and commercial

The United States has ada-

The Iraqis "are selling their oil at \$8 to \$10 per barrel," one

Paris and Geneva confirmed Mr. Santer promising the European Parliament on Wednesday to consult more with it. that the lraqi exports are welladvanced on three routes: by trucks from northern Iraq to Turkey and from eastern Iraq to Iran, and by small tankers that can sail close to the Iranian coast to avoid interception before they unload the oil into

tias made its deals with Kurdish needed by the rebels to carry on bels who, in the past, have fought the Iraqi Aimy.

Iran, also at odds with the Iraqi government, appears to have excluded the growing frontation with Baghdad. Much of the business is handled by Iranian intermediaries tied to the Tehran regime, moving across the long common bor-

#### Jospin Campaign Gets Boost

the former head of the Europe-

#### now exercises little real power. ITALY: With Change at Hand, Rush Is On to a Two-Party Political System

Chroman Late The Associated Pr

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minister under Mr. Berlusconi, is pursuing his program of economic reforms. This includes an imminent \$11 billion minibudget aimed at containing the 1995 deficit. and a plan to reform Italy's bloated pen-

The oddity is that Mr. Dini and Mr. Prodi see eye to eye on most major issues. The two, both economists with wide experience in finance and hanking, have a healthy respect for each other. Therefore the shaping of Italy's destiny, at least over the next few months, could be largely a tale of two economists, of two men who are both more technocratic than overily political, and who both command the respect of the financial community.

The Berlusconi camp, meanwhile, is rife with reports that Mr. Berlusconi, the voluhle media tycoon whose seven-month-long government failed last year to achieve credibility in financial markets, might be willing to let Mr. Dini continue as prime minister after the next election.

A close adviser to Mr. Berluscont said this week that the former prime minister had told friends he was "fed up" with being a lightning tod for criticism and was not raling out the idea of leading his center-right coalition into the next election and then standing back to let Mr. Dini form a government of politicians rather than technocrats. The only problem with this scenario, as the same aide admitted. was that Mr. Berlusconi's ego might triumph over political logic.

The main obsession now in Rome, apart

from the thrill caused by Mr. Prodi's arrival on the scene, is the jockeying over the date of the general election. This is a mat-ter that under Italy's constitution can only be decided by President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro. But the unusual prospect of a clear choice, between center-left and centerright, is also causing election fever.

Although Mr. Berlusconi and his principal ally - Gianfranco Fini, leader of the ensibly ex-fascist National Alliance party - are insisting on June elections, the odds presently favor a national poll next October at the earliest.

The reasons for this include that the Dini government would have to resign by the end of April to make way for June elections, which might not leave enough time for it to fulfill its mandate. Also, the calendar is already crowded, with regional elections very likely to be held in April and a series of referendums scheduled in June. Meanwhife, a prime question remains:

What are the reat policy differences be-tween Mr. Prodi and Mr. Berlusconi? Mr. Berlusconi presented himself fast year as the author of a "new economic miracle" and the man who would create one million new johs. He also said he would set up a blind trust to avoid a conflict of interest between his role in government and his control of Italy's three ading commercial television networks. He fulfilled none of these promises, and his administration ended after he was notified by Milan magistrates that he had been placed under investigation for alleged corruption at his Fininvest husiness empire.

'Mr. Prodi, reached by telephone Wednesday in New Delhi, where he was on a business trip, said he agreed with some of his opponent's ideas, such as pushing ahead with privatization.

But Mr. Prodi drew a sharp distinction between himself and Mr. Berlusconi on three key points. "First," said Mr. Prodi. "I would pursue anti-monopoly policies and I would not have any conflict of interest between my business and my policies. Second, Berlusconi thinks it is possible to govern Italy by dividing the country while think Italy is like Germany, and needs a great consensus among social partners and hor confrontation. And finally, I think Berlusconi cannot reform public administration because with Mr. Fini as an ally he is a prisoner of the old, corporatist traditions. I would reform the bureaucracy."

The differences between the two also can be seen from the way they borrow from U.S. and British politics. Mr. Prodi said he expected his center-left political grouping to resemble Britain's Lahor Party under Tony Blair, the pro-husiness opposition leader. And Mr. Berlusconi this week aped the "Contract with America" presented by Newt Gingrich, the Republican who is speaker of the House of Represen-tatives, by proposing a 10- or 12-point "Contract with the Italians."

Supporters of hoth Mr. Berlusconi and Mr. Prodi, meanwhite, have compared their leaders to John F. Kennedy, a sign that nostalgia for the golden age of American politics remains strong, at least in



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# Iran's Nuclear Helpers

It takes at least two to go nuclear these days, and in the most stressful and anxiety-producing case now working, there appears to be a match. The would-be nuclear power is Iran, whose homb work is secret, and one of its helpers, although it denies giving any help at all, is Russia. China and Pakistan are also on this sbameful suspect list.

The problem arises from the long recognized inadequacy of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. It is meant to lock the door to nuclear weaponry to new aspirants, but it may he helping the cheaters among them to pick the lock. This comes about from a treaty provision qualifying non-nuclear signatories for assistance with their peaceful nuclear programs. With the resulting skills and materials, countries so minded may pledge nuclear denial, open themselves to international watchdog inspections, openly press forward on a peaceful program and secretly out themselves within a year's or a single import invoice's reach of a bomh. This is what Iraq and North Korea were doing, and it is what Iran is doing now.

That the treaty is vulnerable to irreducible claims of national sovereignty does not mean that it does not perform valuable global service. It does mean that other ways have to be found to tackle prolifera-

tion in the hard cases. The Israelis used a military option against Iraq in 1981, the United States a decade later. The United States and others are currently employing a diplomatic option in North Korea.

In respect to Iran, the United States

and, under its pressure, Britain, France, Brazil and India have closed off peaceful nuclear exports to Iran. But Russia, China and Pakistan have chosen to accept Iran's dubious and intelligence-demolished as-surances of peaceful intent, and have signed nuclear cooperation agreements. The Russians, one eye on the money, are planning to construct electric power reactors for the Iranians. Radioactive spent fuel from such machines contains plutonium, a key component of nuclear warheads.

The United States has gone public with its pleas to Russia to turn off the peaceful nuclear spigot. Some in the U.S. Congress are threatening to turn up the economic heat on Moscow, Good. It is not just internationally irresponsible for Russia or any other nation to help another huild a bomb. It is a nanonal stupidity for Russia to put such a weapon in the hand of a notoriously defiant and willful regime on its very border. The United States should do what it takes to put some sense in Russia's head before it is too late.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Genocide at Omarska

The Serbian-run Omarska detention camp in Bosnia became notorious in 1992 as the site of mass killing, torture and sexual assault of Muslims with the intent to drive them from northwestern Bosnia. The United Nations and the United States were slow to confirm what their own officials in the field reported, and were loath to call it hy its proper name genocide. Now a UN tribunal has brought formal charges of genocide against the camp's commander, Zeljko Meakic, and accused 20 other Serbs of war crimes.

So far only one of the indicted Serbs is in custody. Others remain at large in Serbia or in Serbian-held areas of Bosnia, The United Nations tribunal cannot try

them in absentia, but prosecutors can present evidence against any of the accused who fail to appear and establish a record of their crimes.

The reach of justice should not stop with those accused of these crimes, but should extend to political and military leaders who failed to prevent the violations or to punish those who committed them. That includes Serbian authorities who protect the accused from being brought to trial.

Some officials complain that the tribunal's actions might impede peace in Bosnia. They have to explain how peace is possible without justice.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Two Faces of Mexico

Mexico's near-term political future will be shaped by two events this week - the decisive opposition electoral victory in the state of Jalisco and the government's military drive against Zapausta rebel leaders in Chiapas.

The Jalisco results, which have been accepted by a ruling party once notorious for defrauding successful challengers, sig-nals a step toward political pluralism, Jalisco will be the fourth and most important state to come under the rule of the conservative National Action Party since 1989. Chiapas, bowever, represents an ill-considered effort to solve political problems through military force.

Governments have the legal authority to suppress armed rebellion within their borders. But Americans bave a right to question the wisdom of such a move. Given the Clinton administration's political and financial investment in the Mexican government, Washington should insist that President Ernesto Zedillo ensure respect for the buman rights of civilians in the conflict zone and make every effort to reach a negotiated solution.

The army has now haited its drive to reclaim rebel territory, and so far there is no clear evidence of human rights abuses. Still, the army bas restricted access to the area, raising suspicions. The issue needs monitoring, and the State Department did well to raise it publicly. According to its reporting, serious abuses took place when the government set out to suppress the Chiapas revolt last year.

The declared goal this time was to hunt down five top leaders of the revolt, including the ski-masked Subcommander Marcos — now identified as Rafael Se-

tured before operations were haited on Tuesday. The guerrilla leaders are selfappointed revolutionaries who launched a violent insurrection in which at least 145 people were killed. But in the past

year the Chiapas movement bas devel-

oped a broad civilian base, including

peasants who pressed their legitimate

economic and social grievances under the Zapatista banner. For the past year, the government and rebels have negotiated over issues like land reform, cleaning up local elections and directing government aid to those most in need. Mr. Zedillo says he wants the talks to continue, and on Tuesday the ruling-party governor, elected in a disputed vote last August, resigned. That is a significant conciliatory ges-ture. But having broken a 13-month cease-fire, Mr. Zedillo may now bave trouble re-establishing dialogue.

The government explains that it resorted to force only after it uncovered rebel arms cacbes outside Chiapas. More plausible is the theory that Mr. Zedillo, politically weakened after the recent peso crisis and rebellions within his own party, decided to look tough on the eve of tho Jalisco election. By restraining its troops and resuming good-faith negotiations over peasant grievances, the government

may be able to limit damage. Meanwhile bonoring the opposition victory in Jalisco contributes to social peace. Once Mexicans come to believe that they can redress political and social grievances through the ballot box, the day of the ski-masked guerrilla will be over.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Other Comment

#### No More ACDA, AID, USIA

Secretary of State Warren Christopher's proposal to eliminate three foreign policy agencies and merge them into a new, enhanced "Department of International Relations" was remarkably bold and innovative. Regrettably, after three weeks ol frenzied lobbying the bureaucratic hierarchy managed to persuade Vice President Al Gore and his "reinventing government" team to reject Mr. Christopher's plan.

It is my intent to support Secretary Christopher against the bureaucrats who feel threatened by his long-overdue reorganization of Foggy Bottom. When the Senate Foreign Relations Committee takes up the State Department authorization hill, I will propose the elimination of

the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Agency for International Development and the United States Information Agency and the merger of their

functions into a single, coordinated and coherent foreign policy department.

As Secretary Christopher put it: "The current structure of the foreign affairs agencies developed in a world much different from today's. It must change to meet the demands of the next century." Secretary Christopher is right. He deserves the support of the president and vice president. They should reconsider the decision to kill the proposal and join in our effort to reinvent our foreign policy apparatus.

- Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, writing in The Washington Post.



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# Be Firm With Russia About Standards of Governance

PARIS—If, after Chechnya, the West goes back to business as usual with Boris Yeltsin's Russia, it will be approaching Moscow's obvious turn toward dictatorsbip, retroactively financing the slaughter of the Chechen people, and encouraging other Chechnyas elsewhere. Russia should not be isolated, but the

West's relationship with it must be one of fixing standards for the hehavior of a responsible democracy, and pressing Moscow to comply with them. Anything less is appeasement. Those who believe, as Mr. Yeltsin ap-

parently does, that the war was necessary to preserve the integrity of the Russian state are wrong. What the war has done is call the world's attention to the fact that there are peoples within the Russian Federation who are as colonized and subjugated as were the peoples outside Russia in the Soviet empire.

The war has put into question Russia's right to sovereignty over Chechnya. Sovereignty derives from the people; a nation cannot claim sovereignty over an area if it must annihilate the people there to exercise it.

The war has kicked off what promises to be a long and bitter anti-colonial struggle. Russia is not immune from the natural desires of colonized peoples to be free, even if it calls its territory a federation. And once those desires are aroused. they must be given fair treatment.

The lunatic Chechnya venture has destroyed much more than the city of Grozny. It has revealed that democracy in Russia is a sham. Russia is ruled autocratically and secretly, much as it was in the Soviet Union. Democracy is not just the holding of an election. It imposes limits on the personal power of any naBy John J. Maresca

behavior of governments.

· Russia has broken every international human rights commitment by its unprecedented hrutality. These are not only internal matters. They concern the rest of the world.

• The war has revived the world's

ourselves where Moscow will strike next. The war has humiliated and angered 'Russia's military organizations. An army with a great tradition and pride should not have been used in this way. It will sink further into sullen isolation and may yet retaliate against those responsible. The war has destroyed a whole city,

 It has created serious and long-lasting instability in a volatile area. The Cheens, with support from their neighbors, will carry out a long and bloody guerrilla war from their mountain retreats.

· It has profoundly exacerbated ethnic antagonisms throughout Russia and the region, and Russia in its weakness will not be able to cope with the results. And it has trashed whatever residual potential Russia had for a leadership role in the world. Boris Yeltsin bas made

Russia into a pariah state. Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev bas

tional leader, and sets standards for the

Consider:

• The war has dealt a devastating hlow to the shaky Russian economy. Russia cannot pay for the damage it has wrought, and the West should not retroactively finance this barbarism.

worst fears of Russia. We must now ask

its infrastructure and economy, in a nightmarish, personalized vendetta.

assured Warren Christopher that the war

will be ended quickly, that humanitarian relief will be permitted, and that "free elections" will be held in Chechnya when the bostilities are over. But what value do such "assurances" about ending the war have, coming from a government which broke so many of its treaty and other

formal international obligations by start-ing the war in the first place? The fact is that after Chechnya the world cannot give much credence to assurances coming from Moscow. In any case, what kind of free elections could be sponsored in Chechnya hy a Russian government that has wantonly destroyed the place? What Western government can accept that kind of "assurance"?

There are standards for governance in today's world which all governments must respect. Maintenance of these standards is an essential part of a government's legitimacy. There is not some less-er standard for Russia. Other countries cannot slip out of their

responsibility for upholding those standards simply because Russia is a big country or is going through a difficult phase. Human rights, and the obligation of states to respect their international undertakings, are permanent values. To allow them to be ignored is to undercut and weaken them. Western governments have a responsi-

bility to be clear about this, and to send the message forcefully to Mr. Yeltsin without the conspiratorial omissions and silences that we are currently seeing.

In concrete terms, this means that the credit arrangements for Russia that are currently under consideration must be uspended until the Russian war machine is withdrawn from Chechnya. Western taxpayers must not pay for this war.

NATO cannot proceed with a so-called Partnership for Peace with a Rus-

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sia whose version of peace is Chechnya. To do so would be a farce. If the Council of Europe has any selfrespect, it must reject Russia's application to join. Today's Russia does not

meet the stated human rights standards of that organization.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe should pursue its modest fact-finding mission to the area with much closer public scrutiny. And the issue should be broached in the United Nations Security Council.

For many years to come, Russia will be the scene of obscure struggles between those who would remake the country on a Western model and the dark forces of anarchy and repression that bave haunted Muscovy throughout its history. The potential dangers that could ema-

nate from this vast space are many: possible spread of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, or of conventional arms and mercenaries, powerful new mafias with even fewer scruples than those we already know, cruel military and paramilitary ventures on Russia's periphery, a full revival of KGB-type activities, and more. It is clearly in the world's interest that those who favor a Western-oriented Russia win this epic struggle. The best way to encourage democratic tendencies, and to discourage destructive military adventures like the one in Chechnya, is to steadfastly insist on acceptable standards

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of governmental behavior.

# Give Russia Secure Neighbors and Principled Targets to Meet

By William Pfaff

PARIS—A renewal of the war now seems more likely than not in Croatia and Bosnia. Russia, its war with Chechnya in an equally uncertain truce, is controlled by anonymous elements attached to an apparently ill or incapacitated Bons Yeltsin wbo now enjoys the confidence of no more than 8 percent of the Rus-

sian public, according to polls. The United States and Western Europe are divided over what policy to follow toward both Yngoslavia and Russia,

Washington and NATO refuse any serious security guarantee to Eastern Europe with the argument that this might strengthen the nationalists in Russia, The Czech Republic's president, Vaclav Havel, says that be fears a new Yalta.

The moment the West admits that certain Central European countries belong to Moscow's zone of influence and therefore have not the right to belong to NATO," a new Yalta will be accomplished, Mr. Havel says. He observes that his own country, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland continue to be blocked from membership because of the West's fear of offending Russia. "No one knows bow the situa-

tion in Russia will develop," be told the German weekly Der Spiegel last week, "nor what unpleasant surprises may await us." But Washington thinks that it can influence what happens in Moscow by continuing to sup-port Boris Yeltsin the man.

It does not accept the idea that it, and the West generally, sbould set principled conditions for its friendship and assistance to Russia, and leave the conduct of Russia's internal politics to the Russians themselves.

If Russia's government wisbes membership in the community of the leading democracies, the way is open. Russia is in control of what happens. Strobe Talbott, the deputy secretary of state who is chiefly re-

sponsible for the Clinton admin-istration's Russia policy, told a

Senate subcommittee last week that the United States opposes any "attempt to alter international boundaries by force, whether in the form of aggression by one state against another or in the form of armed secessionist movements" as in Chechnya.

This admirable principle, not applied in Yugoslavia, could still be made NATO's policy with respect to the rest of Eastern and Central Europe — but it seems that it will not be.

With time and patience, the Chechnya problem was eventually resolvable. Russia's use of force has turned it instead into a gaping wound from which neither country will recover for years. Surely this should bave been Washington's warning to Moscow, instead of its recom-mendation that Moscow "limit any use of force to the minimum," which Mr. Talbott says

was the actual message. have been given any endorse-

ources in Moscow are good, says Mr. Yeltsin and his entourage took for granted "that they had Washington in their pocket." Russia today is a society in

which striking modernity and prosperity exist in isolation from poverty and suffering worse than the conditions during the last years of communism. The politi-cal system combines elements from the West with those which survive from Russia's pre-1989 political and economic society.

The struggle to change the country takes place inside administrations and enterprises, in combinations not adequately described in the terms current in Washington - "reformers" versus "nationalists," with "the people" in a position to arbitrate. "The people's" arbitration

could be violent. Something like the Romanian scenario of 1990-1991 cannot be excluded - militant miners storming Moscow's streets, with compli-Why should any use of force citors among the contending we been given any endorse-leadership. Russia's long revo-

ment? George Soros, whose lution may not be over. In these circumstances, the West's pre-

sent policy promotes instability. Predictability and stability in the international environment are what Russia needs, and certainly what Eastern and Central

Europe need. If the countries which have been Russia's victims in the past, and for wbose liberation the Cold War was conducted, bebeve that they now are secure and have a Western anchor, they will be easier for Russia to live with. If they are not given a solid assurance of their security by NATO and the West, they are

going to look for it elsewhere. If history is a guide, that could mean a movement toward preemptive accommodation to Russian uncertainties by Bulgaria and the Czechs, and trouble for Russia from the Poles, which in turn could destabilize Ukraine, already divided. There is a serious scenario for "nationalism" in Russia, and for a real crisis.

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# Identity Jolt for Egypt: It's Still Special, but Not as Special as Before

WASHINGTON — As Middle Eastern shouting matches go, the one last weekend at Blair House between Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was probably in the

top 10, said one observer. While their host, Warren Christopher, watched in pain, Mr. Moussa and Mr. Peres ripped each other apart. The Egyptian told the Israeli that Israel bad started the 1967 war, fulminated that Israel, with its nuclear weapons, still wanted to dominate the Middle East, and insisted that Israel was entitled to "normal" relanons with Egypt not a "special

relationship. Mr. Peres lashed back that

J ERUSALEM — Israeli arms sales to China; North Korean

and Chinese help for Iran's nucle-

ar weapons program; an Israeli

prime minister visiting Oman and

Japan - could it be that Samuel

Huntington was right and that

the Middle East and Asia are

growing closer as alignments be-

tween different regions, religions.

Not quite. Both areas are re-

cognizing that the end of the Cold

War and the rise of East Asian

economic strength concern them,

too - not just the developed countries of Europe and North

America. These changes in the

global balance of power, coupled with the difficult evolution of an

Arab-Israeli peace, are creating

opportunities and risks for the Middle East and East Asia.

son for change in the relationship

is the anticipated impact of East

Asian economic growth, especial-

ly in China. Japan, Taiwan and

South Korea depend on the Mid-

dle East for about 75 percent of

their oil. China is reported to

have became a net oil importer in

1994 and will soon surpass Japa-

nese levels of oil consumption. 11

is showing increased interest in

ensuring sea access to the Gulf.
If oil prices rise, East Asian countries are likely to run major

trade deficits with Gulf states.

They will expect to continue to run

trade surpluses with the developed

states will allow them to buy

Greater wealth among oil-rich

world to balance their books.

Perhaps the most ohvious rea-

races and civilizations shift?

By Thomas L. Friedman Egypt was trying to "destroy" the peace process, and with a voice

rising in anger told Mr. Moussa that before Egypt got the whole Arab world riled up about m-specting Israel's nuclear facilities, Cairo should inspect Iran's. The hapless Russian observer

at the session, Victor Posuvalyuk, listened to the shouting and said: "I thought relations between you two were more amiable."

Well, Victor, think again. There is a new rivalry for leadership of the Middle East, and it is between Egypt and Israel. Yes, 3.000 years after the Exodus, the offspring of Pharaoh and Moses are at it again.

East Asia Looks Toward the Middle East

By Gerald Segal

more military hardware, primari-

ly from Europe and the United

States but eventually from East

Asia. The risks of conflict in the

East Asian governments show

no signs ol wishing to take an

active part in keeping the peace in

the region. The United States and Europe are unlikely to organize

again the kind of multinational

military operation they undertook

to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

Erosion of measures to prevent the

spread of nuclear weapons makes

it more likely that there will be a

stronger nuclear element to lu-

Israeli policy planners, looking

beyond current difficulties in the

peace process, see mixed bless-

ngs in a future filled with inter-

Arab conflict. Muslim fighting

Muslim, to them, is better than

Muslim fighting Jew; the threats

that Israel might face will be less

direct and total. But Israel is un-easy as it thinks through the see-

narios for conflict with a nuclear-

strategy of Irying to stop North Korea from exporting missiles to

tran by offering to nelp the North

Korean economy. Hence also Is-

raeli assistance to various parts of

China's defense industry to try to

stop Chinese aid us Iran and Syria.

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tsraeli transfers of military tech-

Hence the seemingly perverse

armed Iran or Iraq.

ture Middle East tensions.

Middle East are likely to grow.

Ever since Egypt signed its peace treaty with Israel in 1979, Egypt has worked to get more Arah states to make peace with Israel, primarily to ease Cairo's isolation in the Arab world for having been the first to walk the

walk with the Jews. Over time, though, Egypt dis-covered that its treaty with Israel was actually a source of status and money. Egypt became the interpreter and mediator between Israel and the other Arabs, and it became the Arab address through which the United States conduct-

ed its peace diplomacy. Then came the handshake. Israel started dealing directly with

decade. They included aviation

know-how that made possible the Chinese F-10, a development of the Israeli Lavi jet fighter.

Israel realizes that an unstable Middle East will provide few

peace dividends and that any

gains will come from trade out-

side the region, including trade

with Asia. Israel has toyed with

the notion that somehow it has a

special relationship with non-Is-

lamic Asians, particularly ethnic

Islamic fundamentalism, al-

though relatively new and mild in

East Asia, has nonetheless started

to shake the political order in

Maiaysia, Indonesia and China's

Muslim regions in Central Asia.

While there are tentative signs of

a thaw in tsraeli relations with

Indonesia and even Malaysia.

anti-Israeli rhetoric in Malaysia

remains sharper than in the mod-

Countries in Northeast Asia.

which have few Muslims or none.

have quickly abandoned the boy-

So while interaction between the Middle East and East Asia

becomes more intense, it also

grows more complex and frag-

mented. Neither region has much

history of sustained coherence or

The writer, a semor fellow at the

International Institute for Strate-

gic Studies in London and director

of Britain's Pacific Asia Program,

contributed this comment to the

erate parts of the Arab world.

cott of Israel.

Chinese in East Asia.

country consulting Egypt (which drove the Egyptians crazy). And lately Israel has been forging economic ties with the likes of Oman, Bahrain, Morocco and Tunisia without anyone dialing Cairo. The Egyptians aren't amused.

They know that an Israel at peace with the Arab world is actually more powerful than Egypt. It has more to offer technologically, it has better entree with the United States, and, because Israel's economy is higger than Egypt's, Syria's, Jordan's and Lebanon's combined, it will dominate any Middle East common market. So Egypi struck back, It started

an Arab crusade to pressure Israel to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which meant that Israel had to reveal its bombs in the basement or risk alienation from its new neighbors. Then the Egyptians put together a summit in Alexandria, with Syria and Saudi Arabia, where they flashed a vellow light to other Arab states thinking about normalizing relations with Israel.

Alter Israeli and U.S. complaints, the Egyptians hastily arranged a kiss-and-make-up summit in Cairo with Jordan, Israel and the PLO, and then attended the Blair House session. But these

Yasser Arafat. Israel signed a where the Egyptians and Israelis treaty with Jordan without either made nice for the cameras.

Egypt is going through an iden-tity crisis. It had hoped that peace would shrink Israel to its natural size. Instead peace has made Israel larger, by giving it diplomatic and economic opportunities in Asia and the Arab world that are making Jerusalem, not Cairo, the region's center of gravity. Peace is making Egypt smaller than its nat-ural size, because it is no longer inflated by its diplomatic role and must now compete with Israel and

other Arabs as a real country. Egypt has a choice. It can try to reassert its leadership by spoiling everything it helped to build. Or it can recognize that Egypt remains special, in its standing with the United States, the Arab world and Israel, but just not as special as before - and learn to live with a medium-sized diplomatic ego.

instead of extra large. Egypt today cannot afford the Nasser model, where it leads by fighting the West, and it cannot sustain the Sadat model, where it leads by bridging to the West. It will have to find a new model for a new era. I don't know where Egypt's search for identity will lead, hut I do know that the idenuty of the Middle East and the peace process will be heavily influenced by where it ends.

#### were just 20-second time-outs. The New York Times

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: Queen on Trial

NEW YORK - The steamer Mariposa brings news to Friday last [Feb. 8] from Honolulu, The trial of ex-Queen Liliuokalani on charges of conspiracy and treason against the Republic was drawing to a close, the prevailing impres-sion appearing to be that she would be found guilty and sentenced to perpetual banishment. She absolutely refused to to re-cognize the tribunal as possessing any right whatever to arraign or try her, and therefore would not anneal for clemency.

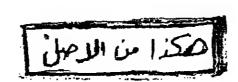
#### 1920: No Answer Yet

BELGRADE — The Yuga-Slavs will not accept either the Paris Compromise or the London Pact, The Government will be reorganised next week to take a stand for the Wilson line as the minimum settlement of the Adriatic question. This means that the Adrianc question is far from being settled,

#### as the "Big Three" seem to think. 1945: U.S. Hits Dresden

LONDON - The United States

Eighth Air Force, following ap the Royal Air Force blows by 1.300 planes, sent more than 1.100 Flying Fortresses and Liberators to vital German communications and supply targets behind both eastern and western fronts today [Feb. 15] in what appeared to be another example of the new co-ordination of American, British and Russian attacks against the Wehrmacht, Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle sent more than 200 Fortresses to flaming, smoking Dresden, the capital of Saxony and the base of the German armies trying to check the Soviet advance from the Breslau area. Dresden had been hit three times previously in the last thirty-six hours.



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#### **OPINION/LETTERS**

# **Clinton:** A French Scenario

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By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton has dooe much more than lay down a marker by threatening to veto Republican changes to the anti-crime legislation passed by Congress last year. In this fight he is also unveiling a re-election strategy for 1996 that borrows heavily from European poli-tics. It is a risky strategy that depends to some extent on winning by losing - turning a position of weakness into a position of moral and political leadership. But it is probably Mr. Clinton's best shot, to recast himself as a national guardian resisting radical, frightening change that would increase social injustice and tension.

That is how François Mitterrand won his presidential re-election campaign in France in 1988, after losing control of his Parliament to conservatives in 1986. The Mitterrand model has been studied by Clinton advisers who cite it in cooversation directly or reflect it implicitly.

Listening the other day to Leon Panerta, Mr. Clinton's chief of staff, go down a list of economic and social benefits that the president will defend against Republican attack recalled for me listening to Mr. Mit-terrand campaign in 1988 as the protector of the "social gains" that

previous governments had enacted for the working and middle classes. Mr. Mitterrand, elected as a So-cialist reformer in 1981, metamorphosed into the candidate for contiouity and stability and woo a oew seven-year term in 1988. He was able to paint his conservative challenger, Jacques Chirac, as the agent of a change so uncertain and threatening that it was unacceptable, even to an electorate worried about the status quo and Mr. Mitterrand's record.

In becoming the Protector of 1996, rather than the Terminator of the 1992 campaign trail, Mr. Clinton also draws heavily on his own experience. His sudden drop in the polls in his first months in office demonstrated how limited the poblic's appetite for change can become when change brings dislocations.

Protecting the status quo is increasingly a comfortable position for political leaders who either style themselves or are perceived as coming from the left. It may confuse things ideologically, but that seems not to be an immediate political liability.

"It is only by not being an alterna-tive that the left can become an alter-native," Richard Falk, professor of politics at Princeton, grouses goodnaturedly in conversation touching on the Mitterrand experience, the swing of Britain's Labor Party to the center and the slow dismantling of the wel-OCT Way IN But Mr. Falk, a man of the left, is not sanguine about the long-term effect a mandatory death sentence for



fusion creates in industrialized democracies. It accounts, he says, for the startling drop-off in voter participation that recent elections have brought in America and, significantly, io

Victories of the left built on centrist or right-of-center economic strategies are Pyrrhic victories, ultimately canceling out the political space that the left would normally occupy in a democracy. Leaders like Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Clinton then have to find their legitimacy not by expanding their constituents' benefits and amhitions but by rallying their supporters around existing consensus on big social issues.

seems to have belatedly realized in its battle to save Dr. Henry Foster's nomination to be surgeon general. It now attempts to make this a fight about a woman's right to "choice." while the Republicans, skittish about

the abortion issue, go after the nomi-nee's "credibility" as the issue. Even if the nomination is rejected, Mr. Clinton can lurn this fight to his advantage if he can make a vote against Dr. Foster seem like a vote against a woman's right to choose abortion. Dr. Foster could wind up being the Robert Bork of the Democrats, politically invaluable in defeat as a rallying point for the committed.

The American president has not That is what the White House thus far shown the extraordinary tal-

ent that the French leader has for dividing his opponents and setting them against each other. Developing that talent of division will be key to rerunning the 1988 French campaign in America.

So will the Republicans' choice of a candidate and a campaign strategy. Mr. Chirac chose confrontation and promises of dramatic change, and lost to a program of continuity spon-sored by the left. Mr. Clinton should be praying for Phil Gramm or Bob Dole (rather than a conciliator like Lamar Alexander) as his opposite number in 1996 if he decides to take the Mitterrand route of getting ahead by standing still.

The Washington Post

## Bedside Lesson About the Moment

BOSTON — Our conversation begins as it always does. I come for a visit and find her sitting in her chair, looking out the window. I pick up the small microphone that dangles from the newest of her hearing aids and begin the ritual.

"How are you Auntie." I ask, as always. "Oh, I'm a hundred percent," she answers, as always. There is a pause while we share the echo of the ironic humor she has carried with her through life.

She says, as always, "Don't be in a rush to be 97." And 1 say, as always, "Well, all right, Auntic. I was going to rush, but I won't." I sit down oo the edge of the bed

#### MEANWHILE

and take photographs out of my pocketbook. I show them to her ooe by one, a rogues' gallery of the nieces and nephews that she calls, happily, her "uglies." She smiles at each picture as if this were the first time she had seen it, although in fact I have brought this stack to her many times before.

Then she says in her precise diction, "Tell me what is going on in your world?"

I lean into the micropbone as if it were a radio interview and tell my audience-of-ooe some stories. Where we've been. Where we're going. What we're doing. Stories that I have told her before.

Sometimes she will tell me, if I ask, tales I have heard before. Tales about a childhood in England, school in America, the longing for college, about her parents, her husband, a whole world that is now in the past.

On a good day she says, again: "I am just waiting to leave this planet, say that philosophically, oot sadly." On a bad day she asks, again, "You

the combined Allied force required a

further three months to bring Imperial

Japan to unconditional surrender. It

will be seen as perfectly logical that, in

the course of attaining victory, the

By Ellen Goodman

cannot help me exit, can you?" We became family, Auntie and when she was much younger, which is to say in her 80s. I married the nephew who is more than a nephew to her - her prize, her lifeline - and began learning.

One day coming back from a family gathering, displaying my careful oew in-law manners, I said how pleasant lunch had been. She looked up and said - not unkindly, not sharply, but directly - "I thought it was boring." Laughing, I said to myself, "No shucking, Auntie. We will be friends."

Now, we're losing her. Or rather, she is disappearing.

What she calls in her own crudite language "the diminution of my faculties" has continued in countless increments. Ears, eyes, legs. Hearing, sight, mobility. The fierce independence that characterized her life, the long walks, the daily bus trip to Burger King until she was 94. Gone, one by one, like chits she must turn in before being allowed through the donr.

Her daily newspaper has given way to a large-type weekly. The names of relatives have dropped off her screen, like atrophied limbs. And then there is the rest of her memory. She lives in a narrowing time frame, a day that is repeated over again without a sense of yester-

day or maybe this morning.

My busband, who shares her hooesty and her humor, calls her life "Groundhog Day" after the movie about a man destined to endlessly repeat one day. Yet we are still her students. In her presence, we learn about time, about age, about letting things be what they are.

My husband will visit Auntie to-

morrow although she probably will not remember a day later that he was there. He doesn't go to chalk up

a credit, just to be there.

I hring the photographs this Sunday, although she won't remember them the next.

I am no looger afraid that this ritual mocks her memory loss. I judge my act by her smile. I know now that the only way to be with Auntie is on her terms, in ber time zooe, in what the Zen philosophers call the oow. So, for a while, at her side, I am keenly aware that life is always lived in the moments. Mo-

ment by moment.

In The New Yorker, hiographer Edmund Morris wrote receotly about visiting Ronald Reagan, about trying to make small talk with a man hollowed out by the crude, cruel tool of Alzheimer's. "About six months ago, he stopped recognizing me," ootes Mr. Morris. Now I oo looger recognize him."

I hope this won't happen with Auntie or to Auntie, but it may. The long ending, with its certain destination and its uncertain timetable, is a melancholy affair. We begin to miss the people they ooce were while they are still, not whol-

But sitting beside Auntie today, companion to her leave-taking, I no longer see it as tragic or unfair. simply is.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Chechen Victims

In response to the report "Chechen Envoy Comes Up Empty-Handed in the U.S." (Jan. 30):

The unconscionable attitude of the United States reverberates grotesquely in the context of the recent commemorations of the Auschwitz liberation. Shall the world oever learn? How can the killing of innocent people be anyone's "internal" matter?

D. H. STRUK. Sarcelles, France.

#### A Shocking Sentence

In response to "Bhutto Is 'Shocked at Child's Death Sentence" (Feb 15): Both advocates and opposents of the death penalty must feel profound shock at this report that the courts in Pakistan have sentenced two people to death for blasphemy, one of them a child of 14. The introduction and in mentation of a

Mohammed, constitutes a shameful hlot on Pakistan's development of its commoo law legal heritage.

This news comes at a time when the Foreign Affairs Committee of Britain's House of Commons is coovening an inquiry into the future role of the Commonwealth. If ap-peals against the death sentence fail in this case, cynicism will be the only possible response to future wellmeaning comments on the shared values of Commonwealth members.

CATHERINE DRUCKER. Article 19.

#### Re-Evaluating the Bomb

Regarding "Time to End This Assault On the Honor of a Nation" (Opinion, Jan. 26) by George F. Will:

Mr. Will is furious with the Smithsonian Institution for having ш to re-evaluate the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. He writes that if Bill Clintoo that he believes such ideological con- hlaspheming against the Prophet would only denounce the Smithso-

nian for "assaulting the nation's hence, it will record that, after the be a solution? It won't be long before values and hooor," he would easily total destruction of Nazi Germany, a small group of Palestinians within total destruction of Nazi Germany,

regain 10 points in the polls. Mr. Clintoo probably could increase his popularity by taking simplistic stands on this and other complex issues, by pandering to the white, male, conservative populatioo — in short, hy playing the demagogue. It is to his credit that he rejects such tactics.

Mr. Will should remember that Mr. Cliotoo is oot a radio talk show host, oor a oewspaper columnist. He is the president, and as such has a responsibility to the truth - even if it is complicated and unpleasant. America is tough. It can withstand a little soul-searching. Whitewashing, which is what Mr. Will suggests, is no answer at all.

JONATHAN TEPPERMAN. Geneva.

Regarding "Let Us Not Celebrate Colman McCarthy (Opinion, Feb. 8): When a definitive history of World War Il is written, many decades

in the aftermath of the war, specifically the Soviet Union. However, the sort of cult beliefs represented by Mr. McCarthy's preposterous article will not even merit à footpote. ALAN FREEMAN. Nagoya, Japan.

#### Israelis and Palestinians

Regarding "To Be Good Neigh-

a small group of Palestinians within Israel turn to acts of terrorism in the name of their people, for injustice seeks retribution, And then all Palestinian people within Israel will be suspect, and real apartheid could happen in this "democracy."
It is difficult for us Jews to think

Allies used their most potent weapon.

A minor fontnote may well allude clearly about Israel. It is our "home" to the fact that, among some, there and, as with all peoples, our first was a belief that the atomic bombing inclination is to build fences to proof Japan was primarily intended as a warning to any would-be opponents tect it. But Henry Siegman's very thoughtful article "Fight Terrorism With a Promise of Palestinian Statehood" (Opinion, Feb. 1) touches the issues we must acknowledge if we are to create long-lasting safety: the Palestinians must have a real homeland as quickly as possible, and official Israeli acts of aggravation, such as building

settlements on disputed lands, can only exacerbate the situation. Uotil these issues are settled, no one can possibly know whether re-

JUDITH MARKOFF-HANSEN.

The Middle East peace process was flawed from the start. Its enforcement should have been given to the United Nations. The expansion of Jewish settlements clearly dooms all chances for peace,

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# HEALTH / SCIENCE

# Study Finds Scores of Ailing U.S. Ecosystems

By William K. Stevens

EW YORK — In the first full review of the health of the American landscape, a new federal study has concluded that vast stretches of formerly vihrant natural habitat, once amounting to at least half the area of the 48 contiguous states, have declined to the point of endangerment.

Although the plight of individual species has been the focus of public interest, the health of the larger interconnected community of plants, animals and microbes of which they are a part — the ecosystem, nature's functional unit — is perhaps more important as a gauge of vitality. The new report finds that scores of ecosystems, of widely varying types and sizes, have de-clined on a grand but largely unappreciat-ed scale. If the remnants should vanish, say the authors of the study, species adapted to them would probably vanish as well.

Thirty of the imperiled ecosystems, including some that dominated and characterized whole regions before Europeans landed in America, have declined by more than 98 percent of their area and are considered "critically endangered," the study found. Decline was defined as destruction of a natural area, conversion of the area to other land uses — agriculture, for example — or "significant degradation" of ecological character or function.

"We're not just losing single species bere and there, we're losing entire assemblages of species and their habitats," said Dr. Reed F. Noss, one of three biologists who conducted the study for the National Biological Survey, a research unit created within the Interior Department in 1993. The new study is to be issued by the agency as a technical report within a month.

"Our results indicate that more biodiversity at the ecosystem level has been lost than is generally recognized in environmental policy debates," the authors wrote.

The findings have important implica-tions for federal policy at a time when laws dealing with conservation, particularly the Endangered Species Act, are challenged by property-rights advocates and their conservative allies who now control Congress.

ists. It is embodied in a number of laws governing federal lands and in several public-private conservation efforts. It has also been promoted by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt as the Clinton administration's central strategy for keeping species off the endangered list while also accommodating private economic interests.

UT the concept is under sharp attack by conservatives who see it not only as a threat to private property but also fear that the mere act of identifying habitats to be protected may reduce property values.

"We can bury our heads in the sand and say we don't want to be well-informed on these issues, or we can say we want to be well-informed and have a data base that gives us a logical rationale for making decisions," said Dr. J. Michael Scott, an author of the study who is a research biologist with the National Biological Survey. The third researcher was Dr. Edward T. LaRoe 3d, who died recently.

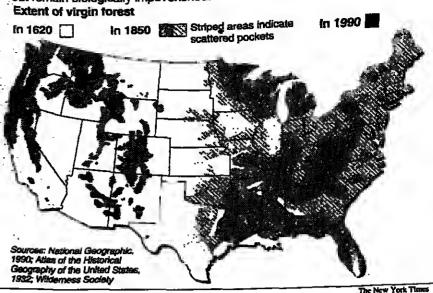
The concept of protecting whole ecosystems, rather than single species, is being increasingly emphasized by conservationized most of the Midwest before Europeans came to America, along with the original deciduous forests of the eastern United States and more than 60 million acres of longleaf pine forests that formerly blanketed much of the southeastern coastal plain. All of these, according to the study, are among the 30 such communities consid-

ered critically endangered. Fifty-eight such areas bave declined by percent to 98 percent and are classed as "endangered," while 38 others have de-clined by 70 percent to 84 percent and are listed as "threatened." The 126 imperiled areas are concentrated most heavily in the eastern half of the country.

The survey sought to determine first what percentage of a given ecosystem had survived relatively intact; the remainder was judged to be either destroyed, degraded or both. The airthors acknowledge that the data are incomplete and of "highly variable quality" and that some of their findings should be treated as hypotheses for further investigation.

# **Disappearing Forests**

Before the arrival of European settlers, a vast expanse of forest covered much of the country. As development has proceeded, all but a few pockets of virgin forest have been destroyed. Some forests are recovering but remain biologically impoverished.



# When Lyme Disease Infects Brain | Marrow Transplants: A Dilemma

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - A young woman, whose doctor declined to identify her, thought she was going crazy. Suddenly, this once perfectly healthy college freshman developed severe anxiety, panic attacks, insomnia and loss of appetite.

A doctor and a psychologist at her college's health service recommended rest for what they thought were problems in adjusting to being away from home. Forced to take a medical leave, she underwent an extensive examination that showed no abnormalities except one: evidence in her spinal fluid of infection by the spirocbete Borrelia hurgdor-

feri, which causes Lyme disease. Only then did she recall having had a circular rash characteristic of Lyme disease months earlier, followed by a brief bout of headaches and unusual fatigue. At the time, she did not take these symptoms seriously and did not seek medical attention.

The young woman's case is among dozens reported in which the Lyme spirochete was the apparent cause of a wide range of psychiatric and neurological problems. Three mooths after receiving a six-week course of intravenous antihiotics to eradicate the spirochete, the woman felt betier.

But a year later, more therapy was needed when the anxiety and panic al-tacks returned, along with musical ballucinations, deja vu experiences and obsessional thoughts.

Although such extreme cases are rare, neurological problems resulting from

Lyme disease are more common than realized by most doctors, who tend to look for the more characteristic arthritic Journal of Psychiatry, in hope of conditions associated with the disease. prompting his colleagues to consider the

uneventfully. But often the initial sign of a bite by a Lyme-infected tick - a red circular rash that clears in the center - is not recognized. Only when more severe symptoms develop weeks or months later

a diagnosis and treatment pursued. Meanwhile, within weeks of entering the body, the spirochete, a bacterium that resembles the organism that causes syphilis, can invade the brain and spinal cord.

At first, patients may develop meningitis, encephalitis or problems like pain or loss of sensation stemming from an attack on the nerves that emanate from the brain or spinal cord. But months or years may pass before the late signs of a neurological infection appear.

Once inside the central nervous system, the organism can wreak all kinds of havoc, from memory problems, moodiness and depression to hallucinations, panic attacks, paranoia, manic depression, scizures and even dementia. Memory problems are the most common sign of a brain infection. When the organism invades spinal nerves, patients may de-velop numbness and tingling in fingers and toes and pain radiating to the front

N rare cases, the spirochete may "unmask" an attack on the protective sheath of nerves, resulting in spastic muscle weakness in the extremities that resembles multiple sclerosis, said Dr. Allen C. Steere of Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston.

Dr. Steere first recognized Lyme disease as a distinct disorder in 1975, and soon realized that it could cause neurological problems.

Dr. Brian Fallon, a psychiatrist at the State Psychiatric Institute in New York, recently reviewed the neuropsychiatric aspects of Lyme disease in The American When Lyme disease is promptly recog-possibility of this infection when exam-nized and properly treated, the over-ining patients who might have been expossibility of this infection when examwhelming majority of patients recover posed to Lyme-infected ticks.

In Europe, where the disease is called borreliosis, patients commonly develop neuropsychiatric symptoms after being infected by the same spirochele that causes Lyme disease, Dr. Fallon said. But in the United States, arthritic symptoms are most common and many doctors still do not appreciate the threat to

the nervous system. Dr. Fallon said that up to 40 percent of patients with Lyme disease developed some involvement of the nervous system affecting either the extremities or the central nervous system.

He told of a 47-year-old man who experienced depression and memory problems, which responded to intravenous antihiotics. Symptoms recurred five months later, but he was not treated. He developed a dementia that required bospitalization and died a few years later. An autopsy found Lyme spirochetes in a degenerated part of his brain.

To be sure, extreme incapacitating effects of a Lyme infection are rare. But even the more subtle effects like depressed mood, memory problems and word-finding difficulties can be devastating to those who are afflicted.

Such patients commonly receive the wrong diagnosis or inappropriate treatment. Often they are shunted from one doctor to another. In addition to blood tests for antibodies to the spirochete. diagnosis of neurological Lyme disease may require a spinal tap, an electroencephalogram, magnetic resonance imaging, standard neuropsychological tests (for example, for memory, word association and depression) and a careful taking of the patient's health history.

Sometimes the treatment itself can cause a flare-up of Lyme disease, producing both physical and neuropsychiatric symptoms. But most often, when the presence of a Lyme infection can be established treatment with intravenous antibiotics for four to six weeks results in a distinct improvement.

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

EW YORK - Although many women with advanced breast cancer are convinced that bone marrow transplants are the best available treatment for their disease, and many of their doctors agree, scientists say the efficacy of the therapy is far from proved.

The National Cancer Institute is sponsoring three large national trials to study whether this treatment, a very high dose of chemotherapy followed by the transplant, is preferable to the chemotherapy regimes

that are now standard treatment. But so many women turn to this grueling, risky and expensive treatment that they are having a hard time enrolling participants. Scientists say they are worried that without proper studies no one will eyer know whether the new treatment is actually better.

The problem is that the treatment the women receive in this kind of study is determined at random, with half getting the conventional treatment and half the experimental one.

Many women, faced with the unencouraging survival rates associated with conventional treatment, are unwilling to take the chance of being assigned to this group. One researcher working on the issue, Dr. Karen Antman, came to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York 18 months ago eagerly looking forward to playing a major role in one of the advanced

breast cancer studies. But she has been bitterly disappointed.

So far she has not enrolled a single woman in the national study. One of three sponsored by the cancer institute and involving data from hospitals around the country, it was designed to test the efficacy of a very high-dose chemotherapy.

Because this dosage destroys not only the cancer but the patient's bone marrow, the chemotherapy must be followed by a marrow transplant. When Dr. Antman tells women that if she is to treat them they must enter the study, they thank ber and go elsewhere where they are assured of receiving transplants.

HE women whom Dr. Antman is trying to recruit have cancer that has spread to at least 10 of their underarm lymph nodes. The best they can hope for with conventional therapy is a 40 to 45 percent chance of living for five more years. Transplants offer at least a hope of beating those odds.

'I can see from their perspective exactly why they want it," Dr. Antman said. But, she added, as a clinical researcher, she worries that without proper studies no one will know if the transplants are better than the standard treatment.

Her concern is that transplants are rapidly becoming the treatment of choice without the scientific proof that they are the best therapy. Under pressure from lawsuits, many insurance companies have agreed to pay for the treatment.

Medical experts say the situation is em-

blematic of the most troubling questions in clinical medicine today.

Must patients be forced to join clinical trials by being denied new treatments unless they participate? To whom can desperate patients turn when interests conflict?

And when a new treatment takes over before its efficacy is established, at what point should price become an issue? Marrow transplants cost from \$60,000 to \$200,000, while conventional chemotherapy runs about \$5,000 to \$25,000.

When the institute started this study and three others five years ago, researchers were confident they would be completed by now. Instead, it looks as if it will be years, if ever, before the answers are in.

Dr. Jeffrey Abrams, director of the studies for the institute, said that one had already fallen by the wayside because of low enrollment. Two others have enrolled only about half the women they need. One, focusing on women whose cancer

has spread beyond the lymph nodes, was begun in 1990 and needs 549 patients. It has 271. The study Dr. Antman is involved in began in 1991 and needs 429 patients but has only 234.

The fourth study is testing a slightly different regimen. Its directors recently decided they needed nearly twice as many women to get a decisive answer, and so that study, too, is far from its goal. It has 459 women and is now aiming for 800.

Last year it is estimated, more than 1,000 American women with breast cancer had marrow transplants outside of trials.

#### **BOOKS**

TREASON IN THE BLOOD: H. St. John Philby, Kim Philby, and the Spy Case of the Century By Anthony Cave Brown. 677 pages. \$29.95. Houghton Mifflin.

THE PHILBY FILES: The Secret Life of Master Spy Kim Philby

By Genrikh Borovik. 382 pages. \$24.95. Little, Brown.

Reviewed by David Corn K IM PHILBY — until Aldrich Ames came along, no name was more cursed in the ranks of Western spying. During World War 11 and the heady Cold War years, Harold Adrian Russell Philhy was a high-rank-ing member of the British intelli-

By Alan Truscott

O N the diagramed deal Chip Martel as South had to

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making a one no-trump rebid showing strength. Lew Starsby's two-diamond rebid

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agent. His exposure was shocking, particularly to the English clite: How could he? He was one of us, one of the old boys, Westminster, Cambridge. He had fooled, and betrayed, his class. Out of his dedication to com-

munism, Philby led an amazingly successful secret life from 1934, when he was recruited as a Communist agent at Cambridge, until 1951, when he fell under suspicion. A charming, bright fellow, Philhy easily reached a spot in MI6 where be was steps away from being its chief and wreaked havoc on several intelligence services, in-cluding the CIA.

Anthony Cave Brown's thick "Treason in the Blood," the most definitive Philby biography yet, tracks Philby's treachery back to the womb, for, he asserts, Philby derived from bad gence service MI6 and a Soviet seed. In fact, this book is a dual

WHAT THEY BE READING

 Johnny Hallyday, rock star, is reading, "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck.
 "I don't get much time to read these days, but this story is one of my favorites. I don't know why I like it. I suppose because it's a real classic: drama, love and violence."



St. John Philby, also a product of Cambridge, left England in

**BRIDGE** late stage. But this would risk defeat in many situations in which the trumps split 3-2, so Martel would probably have

failed to diagnose the duplica-tion of strength in the club suit and weakness in the heart suit. They climbed to six hearts, which was virtually hopeless, splinter, showing a heart fit.
short clubs and slam interest.

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the third trick with the heart queen and led a spade. South could then have survived by double-dummy play, maneuvering a crossruff without drawing any more trumps. He would senre two tricks in each side suit and a total of five ruffs. including a diamond ruff with the heart ace and a promotion of the heart jack en passant at a

1908 as a member of the Indian civil service to be one of the managers of the Empire. In 1915 he went to serve the crown in the Middle East and became an Arabist and a desert explorer, a rival of T.E. Lawrence. He fashioned a career out of defying the interests of London. And he was an intriguer, making off with official files, mishandling funds, conducting unauthorized correspondence. He scorned the geopolitical games of Whitehall, and left its service.

In the replay, North-South

(Marcelle Katz, IHT)



biography that focuses on Philhy and his father.

Though the history that Cave Brown bas compiled suggests a genetic link to espionage, Kim would later explain his Soviet recruitment simply. He had been motivated by his observa-tion that in England the rich had become too damned rich. the poor too damned poor.

Cave Brown, who has written other well-regarded books on intelligence, tells the familiar and captivating story well. But when it turns to the vexing aspects of counterintelligence, Cave Brown's prose loses a por-tinn of its usual clarity.

Among Philbyologists, Cave Brown included, there is speculation that the affair may have a deeply hidden dimension, namety that Philby wittingly nr unwittingly served the British and U.S. services. From the start of Philby's career in M16, the English had access in informatinn that hinted at his Soviet connection. The simplest explanation for their failure to act on these

screwed up. But perhaps M16 used Philby to feed false information to the Soviets during and after World War 11. Cave Brown hints at this, but the available evidence is not strong. The suspicion-driven uncer

tainty of counterintelligence dominates another new contri bution to the Philby bookshelf: "The Philby Files" by Genrikh Borovik, a Russian journalist and novelist who chairs the Peace Committee Office in Moscow. Borovik won access to the KGB file on Philby and has unearthed some whoppers. The Russians, according to these papers, initially recruited Philby because they believed, mistaken ly, that his father was a British spy. Then they dropped him in the late 1930s and picked him up again only after they discovered that, on his own, Philby had burrowed into M16. The true find of Borovik's archival digging is that Russian intelligence came to conclude that Philhy was actually a true-blue British agent. How could the British be so incompetent as to not catch Philby and the others, wondered a Soviet counterintelligence expert. As Phillip Knightley, an author of books on Phillby, rightly ontes in the introduction to Borovik's work, "Here we have the flaw at the heart of all espionage and confirmation of a theory I have long held — that most spying is useless because the better the information a spy produces, the less likely he is to be believed."

David Corn, Washington editor of The Nation and the author of "Blond Ghost: Ted Shackley and the CIA's Crusades," wrote leads is that the bureaucracy this for The Washington Post.

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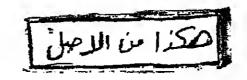
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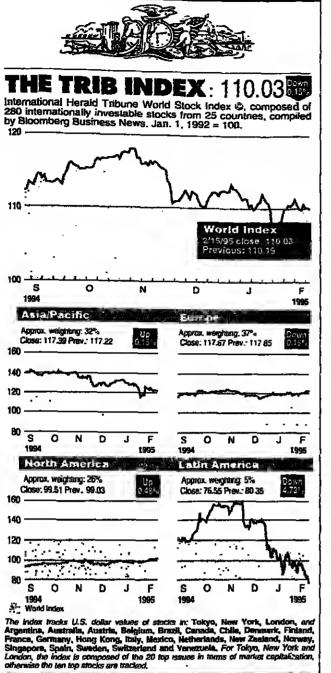
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# **Court Says EU Expats** Entitled to Tax Breaks

By Tom Buerkle

RRUSSELS -Tens of thousands of people who cross Eu-ropean Union borders to work could be entitled to major tax breaks after a court ruling that national tax laws cannot dis-criminate against EU nonresident workers, EU officials said

The European Court of Jus-tice ruled Tuesday in favor of Roland Schumacker, a mason from the eastern Belgian town of Eupen who was barred from claiming lamily benefits and deductions while working in Cologne, Germany, in 1988 and

1989.
The German government effectively taxed Mr. Schumacker as a single man, denying him a standard married person's tax-rate break and child benefits, because his wife and two children stayed at home in Belgium. Mr. Schumacker could not claim Belgian family benefits because his salary was earned and taxed in Germany.

Wolfgang Kaefer, the German lawyer who argued the case, said the inability to claim these benefits cost Mr. Schu-macker 800 Deutsche marks (\$533) a month in extra taxes on an annual salary of about 60,000 DM. Under the ruling, he stands to get a rebate for the

excess payments. The mason is not alone. Mr. Kaefer estimated that just in Germany, 50,000 nonresident workers with families in other EU countries could be affected by the ruling. They range from Portuguese construction workers to executives in multinational corporations.

The ruling "is going to have an impact way beyond this particular case," said a spokesman for the European Commission.

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# Selling Security in China U.S. Insurance Firm Capitalizes on Reform

By Steven Mufson
Washington Post Service

SHANGHAI - Clad in her navy pinstriped suit. Zou Fang perched on a chair, clicked open her brown leather suitcase and launehed into her pitch to explain to a store manager why personal accident and life in-surance policies might be just the thing for a Chinese businesswoman

Half an hour later, the store manager took a hlank form and promised to get back to Ms.

Form by form, store by store, Ms. Zou and a small battalion of insurance agents are claiming more and more customers in a cam-paign by American International Group Inc. to break into the Chinese market. After just two years here, the company bas more than 2,000 sales agents and bas issued more than 200,000 policies in Shanghai, mostly to Chi-

The growth of AIG illustrates more than the fruits of one foreign company's efforts. It shows that China is not just a market for low-cost items. The Chinese, after years of baving little to spend their money on, are big savers, and even though their per-capita income is only about \$275 a year, a significant number can afford the \$100-a-year premiums for an AIG life insurance policy.

The growth of the insurance business also marks a revolution in the Chinese mentality. Many Chinese had given little thought to risk because they live in a Communist system that once promised cradle-to-grave care. But as China slowly dismantles state-owned enterprises, allows private entrepreneurs to flourish and confronts expenses it cannot meet, individual Chinese must plan for the worst and rely on themselves.

For AIG, this change is a business opportunity.
Unlike most American companies trying to get a foot in China's door, AIG's Shanghai

venture represents a homecoming. The com-

pany was founded in Shanghai by an Ameri-

can named Cornelius Vander Starr, who left his home in California to wander the Orient at the end of World War I.

While the company later moved its head-quarters to New York, it kept close ties with hina through its current chairman, Maurice R. Greenberg, who has been visiting key Chinese leaders since the 1970s.
In late 1992, those close ties helped AIG get

the first foreign insurance license granted by the Chinese government in more than 40 years. The name it uses in China is American finternational Assurance. Before that, the People's Insurance Co. of China was the only insurance company.

The license restricted AIG to the Shanghai area, but the city now bas a population of more than 13 million. Mr. Greenberg promised the Chinese government that the company would not repatriate any profits for at least 10 years.

"If you're going to China, you have to be prepared to stay for the long haut," said Michael Morrison, general manager of AlG's

AlG has more than \$100 billion in assets worldwide and had \$1.9 hillion in net income in 1993, so its operation in China is relatively

China poses some special risks for an insur-ance company. While Shanghai has a good fire department, snarled traffic can cause delays in getting to the scene of a fire. Theft on railroads is often hard to track with poor documentation.

Heavy-machinery deliveries are often insured, but the equipment is sometimes set up at poorly finished work sites unaccustomed to great weight. One piece of machinery was safely delivered to a factory, then damaged when the floor collapsed and the equipment crashed through two levels of the building.

Writing fake receipts at hospitals is a frequent ruse on accident insurance claims. On the other hand, "cheating insurance compa-

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# U.S. Stocks Rise **27.92 Points** To a Record

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - The stock market moved into record territory Wednesday as new economic statisties prompted many big investors and traders to think that an economic utopia of moderate growth and low inflation was at hand.

Not everyone was certain. however. In an early-afternoon speech to bankers, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan was one of the skeptles by warning that the economy glimpsed in the statistics?
might still need to slow down. "The market sees a soft land-But by that time the market bad caught fire.

started slow but picked up as reports emerged on consumer it is penalized." prices and industrial producindustrial average bad jumped Greenspan publicly signaled

was really over, the average set-skeptics in doubting that the tled back slightly, closing at a new high of 3,986.17, up 27.92 soft landing, avoiding inflation

points on the day. The market seems to think it

sees an end to that cycle, if not at the next meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee on March 28 then by June at the latest, and that conviction sent the Treasury bond reaching for lower rates which meant new highs in prices.
The henchmark 30-year

Treasury bond rose 13/32 to 100 24/32, pushing the yield to 7.56 percent, down from 7.59 percent Tuesday and back to the levels of last September.

But why would stocks go up when the central bank said it Greenspan made it clear that be meant business about enforcing the slowdown that could be

ing to the economy, and it is something that can't be dis-His remarks cooled a volatile proved," said Michael Metz, an session of the stock market. It analyst at Oppenheimer & Co. "The manager who bers against

He added that stocks were tion. By midday the Dow Jones also buoyed hy money coming back from emerging markets af-27 points, and it picked up an- ter the crash in Mexico, and other seven after Mr. Green- that managers were betting on span spoke, surpassing its old growth there through such record of 3,978.36 set on Jan. American multinationals as American multinationals as 31, 1994, the day before Mr. Coca-Cola Co. Gillette Co., McDonalds Corp., Johnson & the year's upward march of in- Johnson and Compaq Comput-

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# PC Turnaround at Hewlett

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TEW YORK - For the first decade of the personal-computer revolu-tion, U.S.-based Hewlett-Packard Co. had the dubious distinction of being the most prestigious manufacturer consigned to that great wedge of market-share charts dubbed "other."

Today, however, Hewlett-Packard is one of the world's fastest-growing personal computer companies, ranked ninth in worldwide sales and third in sales of PC-based servers (larger machines used on networks), according to International Data Corp., a marketresearch firm in Framingham, Massachusetts. Because of new product lines, more aggressive marketing and sharp price reductions, Hewlett-Packard's PC revenue has grown im-

pressively, to \$2.5 billion last year from \$1.4 billion in 1993 and \$670 million in 1992, according to International Data. And unlike International Business Machines Corp. or Digital Equipment Corp., both of which concede they lose money on

personal computer business. "Hewlett-Packard has had significant growth for two reasons: They have done a better job, and some of the other majors have done a poorer job," said Seymour Merrin, a PC-industry consultant based in Mountain View, California.

PCs, Hewlett-Packard makes a profit on its

How Hewlett-Packard, said to have been founded in a garage in Palo Alto, California, nearly missed the greatest market opportunity of the last 10 years is a lesson in the mixed

blessings of a strong corporate culture. And how the company worked to alter its direction and latch on to that opportunity reflects a transformation not only in its own culture but in the direction of the industry itself.

As more computing tasks move from large machines to small ones, a company that wants to be a market leader in computers

simply has to be a strong force in PCs.
Until recently, such a calling was foreign to
Hewlett-Packard. While the company succeeded in other commodity-like businesses with low profit margins, dominating the printer market and doing well with calculators, it proved to be a self-defeating snob when it came to PCs.

After all, the company built its computer business selling the best test and measurement equipment - made by engineers for engineers with high quality at a high price. Not surprisingly, that elitist approach fell flat when the company ventured half-heartedly into the populist and price-sensitive PC market.

"It was as if they thought PCs were a crummy business, where people kill each oth-er for a nickel," said Doug Van Dorsten, an analyst with the brokerage Hambrecht & Onist. They noodled around at the \$300 million to \$400 million level for years, which for a company their size was just stupid."

Re-engineering had yet to enter the corporate vocabulary when Hewlett-Packard's executives recognized the errors of their ways and set out in the early '90s to reinvent their PC business. The turnaround owed much to their willingness to examine and change nearly all their established practices.

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# Microsoft Stock Slips on Antitrust Ruling

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

REDMOND, Washington - Microsoft Corp.'s stock slumped Wednesday after

the rejection of its antitrust settlement with the U.S. government.

District Judge Stanley Sporkin's decision late Tuesday stunned the computer industry and Microsoft, sending the stock down \$1.00 Wednesday to \$60.875. The decision throws into disarray the

government's four-year legal battle with Microsoft, the world's biggest computer software maker. It also provides competitors with a platform to voice their opinions that Microsoft's aggressive selling of its perating systems and applications software constitutes a monopoly that should be broken up.

The company's settlement with the Jus-tice Department last July, under which Microsoft agreed to restrictions on its software licensing arrangements with computer makers, was "too little, too late," Judge Sporkin said in his ruling.

Declaring that be could not rule that the

settlement would be in the public interest, Judge Sporkin said he would convene a next step.
Microsoft said Wednesday that it

"strenuously" disagreed with Judge Sporkin's ruling and would continue to comply with the proposed settlement while reviewing its legal options.

"Both the government and Microsoft provided ample information to demonstrate that the consent decree provides appropriate relief for the matters alleged in the complaint, and is in the public interthe complaint, and is in the public interest," William H. Neukom, the company's

Attorney General Janet Reno said, "I'm going to read the opinion." Both sides said they needed time to review Judge Spor-kin's 45-page ruling before deciding what

senior vice president for law and corporate

Broadly, the government has four options. It can appeal Judge Sporkin's deci-sion, arguing that he abused his discretion, and seek approval for the settlement as it

was originally written. Alternatively, the Justice Department can try to negotiate a new and tougher deal with Microsoft that takes account of the

status hearing on March 16 to consider the specific criticisms lodged by Judge Spornext step.

If it cannot reach a new agreement, it would then have to sue Microsoft and prepare for a court case likely to last several years. Finally, the Justice Department could choose simply to drop the case en-

At issue in the investigation was whether Microsoft had stifled competition in computer software, particularly in the operat-ing systems that provide the basic instructions for all so-called IBM-compatible personal computers.

Microsoft manufactures MS-DOS, the of all personal computers. It also produces Windows, a program that allows a person to navigate between scores of applications, like word processing or entering data bases, by clicking on graphic icons with an electronic "mouse."

International Business Machines Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. could benefit from a renewed investigation into Micro-

(NYT, WP. Bloomberg, AP)

# Quake's Costs Slash Japanese Trade Surplus

chandise trade surplus dropped caused Kobe Port to sbut down 52.3 percent in January com- almost entirely. This, he said, pared with a year earlier, largely accounted for a significant por-because of the Kohe earth- tion of the overall decline in the

the first in three months.

United States rose 3 percent to Japan's total exports and 14.5 \$3.19 billion, from \$3.09 billion percent of its total imports, be a year earlier.

billion, while imports increased 22.2 percent to \$24.36 billion, But as successful as the turnaround has the ministry said in a prelimi-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches A official from the ministry earthquake was likely to fuel economy, should also raise de-TOKYO — Japan's mer-said the earthquake on Jan. 17 demand for imported building mand for imported goods, accounted for a significant por-

quake, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

The decline in the surplus, which totaled \$2.88 billion, was Port fell 47 percent in January

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The drop was not likely to compared with a year earlier. stem U.S. criticism of Japanese while imports through the port trade practices, because Japan's dropped 40 percent. In 1994, January trade surplus with the Kobe handled 17.8 percent of Analysts said that recon-

Overall, Japan's exports rose
4.9 percent in January to \$27.24
Struction of buildings and infrastructure destroyed in the

materials, helping shrink Ja-pan's trade surplus in months to "A recovery o

in Kobe were damaged, econo- stimulating demand for cheap

mists said.

Several economists said although the impact from the earthquake on exports might be only temporary, the strong yen continued to prompt manufacturers to increase their production abroad and that mould

tion abroad, and that would slow shipments of goods from the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance

with a recovering Japanese

"A recovery of the economy is also causing imports to rise," The earthquake is also put- said Hidehiro Iwaki of Nomura ting a damper on steel exports, Research Institute Ltd. He addbecause some major steel mills ed that the high yen has been

The American calculation of

is generally higher because the The strong yen, combined two sides measure it differently. (AP, Reuters)

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**Mexican Firm** 

GUADALAIARA, Mex-ico — Grupo Sidek SA de-faulted on \$19.5 million in corporate bonds Wednesday, the first Mexican company to fail to make a debt payment since the country's financial crisis erupted in late December. The default sent shivers

through Latin American fi-Mexico's Bolsa stock index to drop 6.38 percent, to 1,798.58 points. The Latin American component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index lost 4.73 percent. The default also raised

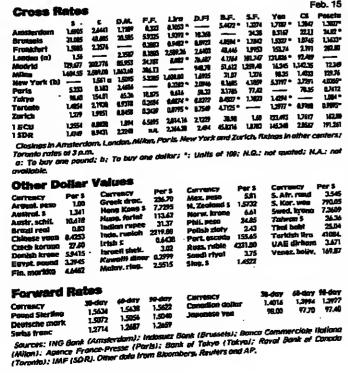
concern that other Mexican companies with big dollar debts, squeezed for cash by a more than 40 percent slide in the peso since Dec. 20, would be unable to make good on their securities.

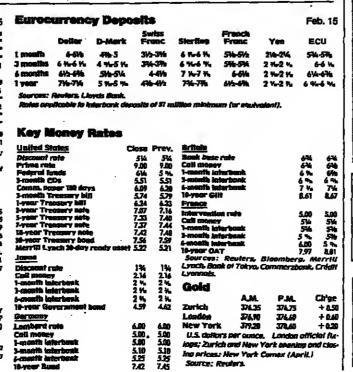
"This puts short-term credit in Mexico under a buge squeeze," said Carlos Laboy, an analyst at Bear, Stearns & Co. in New

The defaulted debt had been issued in the form of commercial paper, which is debt that matures in less than a year and is the life-blood of companies because it funds daily ex-penses. In the United States, the debt was sold exclusively to institutional investors that manage more than \$100 million.

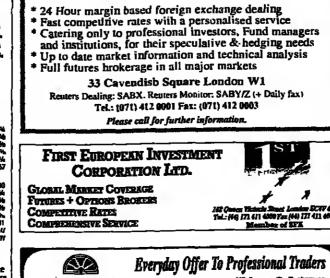
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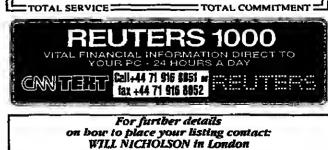
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# **Dollar Is Mixed** As It Weighs News

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — The dollar was mixed Wednesday against other major currencies, caught in a tug of war between rallies in U.S. stock and bond prices and Mexico's persistent financial

The dollar followed the peso down in the morning and then focused on record highs in

#### Foreign Exchange

corporate currency trader at Bank of New York

The dollar ended at 1.5095 Deutsche marks, up from 1.5088 DM on Tuesday. The dollar," Mr. Thin said. Mr. Thin said the dollar's down from 98.535 yen.

The dollar finished at 1.2760 Swiss francs, up slightly from 1.2740 francs, and at 5.2385 French francs, up from 5,2268 francs. The pound fell to \$1.5610

Mexico's economic and politdollar because of the close ues between the United States and Mexico, which is the third-larg-

est U.S. trading partner. The dollar rose to 5.94 pesos from

IDEA, said the dollar gains were largely due to the bond-market rally, but that those builish effects were being offset

Weakness in the Mexican peso had led the dollar slump earlier despite the release of the January inflation and U.S. instocks to rebound, settling in the middle," said Tom Hoge, gested that the Federal Reserve Board was on the right track in controlling economic growth, they said.
"The picture is still bearish

gains also were capped by the strength in the mark against other European currencies. MMS analysts said the mark continued to benefit from polit-

said splits in the government over European policy were ical turmoil usually hurts the causing the pound's current weakness.

Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

#### STOCKS: Dow Hits New Highs

Continued from Page 13 worse than about 2.5 percent and maintaining economic

"A soft landing is for soft minds." said Mr. Johnson. You have to have a perfect world in which there are no pol-

#### **U.S. Stocks**

icy mistakes, in which Congress doesn't increase the budget deficit and the Fed hits the bullseye of a moving target on both growth and inflation. It's a fairy tale. If it comes true, then both the bond market and the stock market are right, but one of

them has to be wrong."
The day started with the Commerce Department's report that consumer prices rose 0.3 percent in January, partly because of special factors that brought a slight speedup from the 0.2 percent rate in December.

#### ■ Cyclical Shares Gain

The Dow drew strength from cyclical stocks such oil, electrical equipment, financial, chem-

ical and paper stocks. Advancing issues beat de-cliners by a 2-to-1 ratio on volume of 377.9 million sbares on

5.66 pesos. Win Thin, an analyst at

by concerns about Mexico.

ical uncertainty around Europe, including Britain, where they

# the New York Stock Exchange.

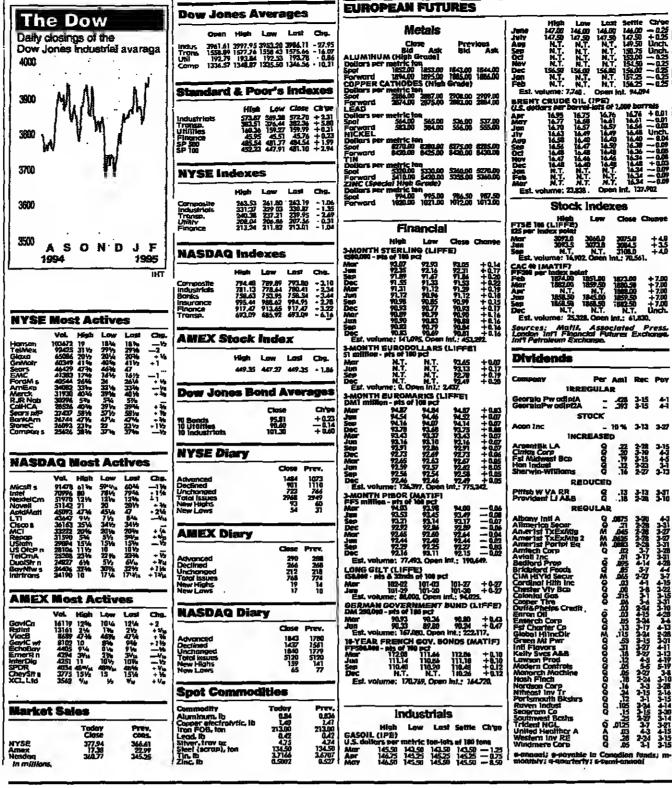
High-tech shares were mixed, with Hewlett-Packard Co. and Intel Corp. rising hut Compaq growth at the same rate without Computer Corp. falling.
The cyclicals got hit over the

head the past couple of months at the first sign of an economic slowdown and have rebounded with the market," said Grace E. Messner an analyst at Wil-mington Trust, "But they are not at their highs and it is diffi-cult to ascribe leadership in this market. It depends on what the

economy will do. Hanson PLC's American depositary receipts were the most active NYSE issue, falling 1/4, to 18%, after the British conglomerate said its first-quarter net earnings jumped 59 percent but warned not to expect "exceptional" growth for the rest of

Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts fell 2, to 29%.

Auto stocks gained, along with other economically sensitive issues, as investors anticipated moderate economic growth with low inflation. Ford Motor rose 1/8, to 2614, General Motors rose 1, 41½, and Chrysler rose \( \frac{4}{2} \).



## **EXPATS:** New Tax Treatment

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the EU executive agency. But officials were at a loss to define

One commission official said there were no fewer than 210 potential tax regimes to cover the hundreds of thousands of workers residing in one EU country and working in another. Although there are many bilateral treaties that cover people

across borders, there are numerous gaps that leave workers exposed to excess taxes.

In Germany, the government reformed its tax laws last year to grant family benefits to nonresident workers like Mr. Schumacker, but the court ruling will force Bonn to make changes granting such workers the favorable married person's tax treatment.

# INSURE: Firm Expands in China

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nies is a worldwide practice," said Ron Clarke, who helps design the policies in Shanghai.

But China also offers many advantages. It is not a litigious society. Accident claims are relatively modest by American standards and are often settled by negotiation. After a catastrophic fire in Xinjiang last October that killed hundreds of

#### schoolchildren, each family re-

ceived about \$350. As is often the case in the For the Record United States, the exclusion clauses leave plenty of leeway

for the company. As AIG builds up business, it also plays an unusual role in China: fund manager. Like all insurance companies, as it collects premiums, the company

#### U.S. / AT THE CLOSE

**RJR Sets Dividend and Reverse Split** NEW YORK (AP) - RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp.'s board approved a dividend on its common slock Wednesday for the first time in more than five years and proposed a reverse stock split in which shareholders will get one common share for every five.

The conglomerate that sells Winston eigarettes and Oreo cookies said Wednesday it would begin paying a regular quarterly cash dividend of 7.5 cents on each share of its common stock on April 1 to shareholders of record as of March 10.

If approved by shareholders, the reverse stock split would reduce the total number of outstanding common shares to 272 million from the current 1.36 billion. The moves are designed to increase returns for shareholders, the company said.

#### **Job Cuts Cost Northrop Grumman**

LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) — Northrop Grumman Corp. said Wednesday its fourth-quarter loss widened to \$121 million from \$35 million in the year-ago period, mainly because of a

The military contractor said the results included one-time charges totaling \$324 million, \$282 million of which was to pay for early retirement of workers. The rest of the charge was from the sale of creations. the sale of excess real estate and other unspecified assets.

Revenue jumped 49 percent, to \$1.88 billion, helped by the acquisition of Grumman Corp. and Vought Aircraft last year. The results sent the company's stock up \$1.375, \$42.875.

"They did a great job," said Peter Aseritis, an analyst with CS First Boston. "They cut costs and got the margins cranking.

#### U.S. Plugs Information Network Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration on Wednesday unveiled a plan for a worldwide network that one day would let people exchange all kinds of information with the same

would let people exchange a silvania sease as placing an international telephone call.

"Such a network will enable Americans to communicate across national boundaries just as easily as communicating across state boundaries today," said Vice President Al Gore.

The plan urges other countries to open their telecommunications markets to competition and replace rigid telecommunications laws and regulations with flexible ones. The 49-page plan builds on a policy framework Mr. Gore laid out to international telecommunications policymakers last year.

#### Kemper Bid Hurts Conseco Profit

CARMEL, Indiana -- Conseco Inc. said Wednesday its profit from operations fell 35 percent in the fourth quarter, partly because of its sale of Western National Corp.

The insurance holding company said profit from operations fel to \$33.5 million from \$51.9 million a year earlier. Results also were hurt the the collapse of Conseco's plan to buy Kemper Corp. Conseco dropped its \$2.96 billion bid for Kemper in November as higher interest rates hurt Kemper's business and increased Conseco's cost of financing the proposed acquisition.

#### **Kmart Picks New Leadership Team**

TROY, Michigan (AP-DJ) — Kmart Corp. on Wednesday named a new team of executives to lead the company to help revitalize its discount retail businesses.

The new executives will take over some of the responsibilities of Joseph R. Thomas, the current executive vice president of U.S.

Kmart stores. Mr. Thomas will retire after a 40-year career with Kmart and its forerunner, S.S. Kresge Co.
Kmart, which has more than 4,000 stores, has struggled through eight consecutive quarters of disappointing earnings. The company recently saw its debt rating lowered by Moody's Investors Service Inc. for the third time in two years and by Standard & Poor's Corp. for the second lime in a year.

AlliedSignal Inc. is to acquire the wheel and brake division of Budd Co.; the division had sales of about \$250 million in its last financial year. The companies did not disclose terms. (AP-DJ)

Morrison Knudsen Corp. is likely to give William Agee more than \$1.5 million in severance pay, while employees of the financially troubled company face layoffs. In the latest of several similar lawsuits, five shareholders sucd both the company and its builds up a reserve or absorbs board of directors in an effort to deny Mr. Agee a generous severance package.

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# U.S. Markets Draw Listings

# RWE Outlines Plans ASM to Offer a Stake

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ESSEN, Germany - RWE AG said Wednesday its profit jumped nearly 26 percent in the first half of its financial year and that its stock would begin over-the-counter trading in New

The electrical power and industrial conglom-erate said it earned a net 504 million Deutsche marks (\$331 million) in the six months to Dec. 31, up from 401 million DM a year earlier. Sales rose 18 percent, to 32.3 hillion DM.

The fifth-largest industrial company in Germany said acquisitions and an improving chemicals business helped lift its profit.

RWE said it would trade its shares over the counter in New York as American depositary receipts, which are certificates issued by a U.S. bank and traded in the United States as domestic

Bank of New York will sponsor its ADRs, the company said. The certificates should begin trading "by late March or April." said Thomas Klante, a spokesman for RWE.

Sales in the company's energy division rose to 10.6 billion DM in the first half from 9.3 billion

RWE said its waste management division. which had a loss of 197 million DM in the 1994 financial year, had turned around and losses had "stabilized," although it was "not likely to break even" this year.

RWE also said it had joined with six regional utilities to bid for a German phone license. Mr. Klante hinted that RWE might soon reach agreement with AT&T Corp. to bring it into that alliance. He said the company was in "intense discussions" with several foreign telecommunications companies.

The German telecommunications market is to be opened to competitors against Deutsche Telekom AG in 1998. (Bloomberg. AFP) share.

Club Med Sails to Profit

In '93-'94 After Sharp Loss

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turned to profitability in its 1993-94 financial year after a record loss in the previous year, citing improved business in

The leisure company posted a net profit of 94 million French francs (\$18 million) for the year ended Oct. 31, reversing a 296 million franc loss in the previous year. Sales

for the latest year, were up 7.6 percent, at 8.76 billion francs, it

Club Med cited "the marked improvement of the compa-

ny's performance on all of its markets, as reflected in the

strong rise in the operating result," which rose to 370 million

Club Med said it would not pay any dividend, because it

(AFP, Reuters)

- Club Méditerranée SA said Wednesday it re-

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EINDHOVEN, Netherlands — ASM Lithography Holding NV, a subsidiary of Philips Electronics NV, will sell 11 million shares in an international public offering in mid-March.

The company has applied to list the shares on the Nasdaq trading system in the United States and on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, It expects to price them at between \$14.50 and \$16.50.

the offering will consist of 3 million new shares, which could raise as much as \$49.5 million, and 8 million shares offered by Philips. which owns 95 percent of ASM. After the issue, Philips will hold a 62 percent stake in ASM.

ASM makes photolithography projection systems, commonly known as water steppers, a key component in the manufacture of integrated circuits. The company had sales of \$308 million in 1994 and employs about 800 people.

Philips said 6.6 million of the shares would be offered in the United States through a syndicate managed by CS First Boston and Morgan Stan-

The remaining 4.4 million will be sold internationally through a syndicate led by CS First Boston with ABN Amro Bank NV and Morgan

Stanley as co-lead managers. "There's more interest in high-tech stocks in the U.S. than in Europe so we have more possibilities there." said Willem Maris, chief executive

Analysts said the company had picked an opportune time to offer the shares in light of the booming demand for semiconductors.

Herma Boom-Conradi of the brokerage concern Mees Pierson said that in 1994, international semiconductor sales were up 30 percent.

Maarten Verbeck of the brokerage concern Amstgeld said the issue price was reasonable at about 19 times the company's 1994 earnings per share. (Bloomberg, AFX)

# Metalworkers Step Up Pressure for Raise

FRANKFURT - Stepping up pressure on employers, some 200,000 metalworkers staged warning strikes and rallied throughout Germany on Wednesday to back their call for a 6

percent wage increase.
In Frankfurt, where the IG Metall union has its headquarters, 15,000 workers, some pounding drums, murched to the

square in front of the city hall for a ralls.

For two weeks, IG Metall has staged limited strikes to call for wage increases for 3.5 million metal and electronics

Klaus Zwickel, chairman of 1G Metall, said at the rally that unless employers made a reasonable offer by Monday, the union would call for a strike ballot.

"Either we get an offer, or there will be a strike." Mr. Zwickel said. A full-scale strike would have to be supported by a two-thirds vote. About 70,000 workers took part in warning strikes in the northern coastal district Wednesday, including the port cities of Hamburg, Bremen, Lübeck and Kiel, the union said.

An estimated 100,000 metalworkers in 48 towns and cities in North Rhine-Westphalia briefly stopped work, the union said, and 15,000 workers in Baden-Würntemberg joined in. So far, employers have said they are willing to negotiate pay increases if workers agree to cancel going to a 35-hour workweek Oct. 1. A step-by-step reduction of the workweek

was agreed to some years ago.

Mr. Zwickel said the 35-hour workweek could not become a part of talks this year because it only fulfilled an existing agreement. "We won't bargain on it." he said.

The last major strike by IG Metall lasted seven weeks in March and April 1984 and seriously disrupted the car industry. The strike ended when the union won agreement to start a step-by-step reduction of the workweek. That strike reduced the workweek to 38.5 hours from 40 hours. Metalworkers currently have a 36-hour workweek, which took effect in 1992.

Last year IG Metall and employers reached a last-minute agreement for wage increases averaging 2 percent after workers had voted to strike.

# Rosy Sales Forecast at Wellcome

LONDON - in an attempt to persuade sbareholders to rebuff Glazo PLC's takeover offer, Wellcome PLC on Wednesday predicted that sales of its leading products would grow by 36 percent over four years.

Wellcome said the projections, released in a "defense document," showed that Glaxo's £9 billion (\$14 billion) bid had undervalued it. Analysts called the forecasts "optimistic" and

said the document did not hint that Wellcome had found a bidder to counter Glaxo's offer, "Frankly it is in Wellcome's interest to talk a good story," said Mark Clark, an analyst with

Union Bank of Switzerland. "But it's all rather irrelevant. The most important thing is whether they can flush out a higher offer by Feb. 28." Wellcome's largest shareholder, the Wellcome

Trust medical charity, has until Feb. 28 to find a better offer before it is obbged to sell its 39.5

Trust officials appeared at Britain's High Court on Wednesday to get approval to sell its shares. The hearing, which is closed to the public.

is expected to last several days. A document filed by Wellcome with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Feb. 8 said the company had not been in negotiations regarding any bid that would rival Glaxo's.

An adviser to Glaxo expressed confidence that the company's bid would succeed.

"We have to assume for the moment there is no white knight," said Etienne Bottari, a director of Lazard Brothers & Co.

Mr. Bottari urged Wellcome sharebolders to file their acceptances for Glaxo's offer before the March 8 deadline.

Glaxo's offer is now worth about 1.037 pence a share. Wellcome shares rose 10 pence Wednes-day to 1,020, while Glaxo rose 4 to 644. "It is the products expected to be high only offer on the table," Mr. Bottari said. .

## Inflation Posts a Rise In Britain

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher LONDON - Inflation rose in January while unemployment fell to a three-year low. statistics released Wednesday

Annual inflation jumped to 3.3 percent from 2.9 percent in December, the largest monthly increase since October 1992. Inflation is inching closer to the upper limit of the government's target range of 1 percent to 4 percent, and the Bank of England recently increased interest rates to try to keep prices from rising too quickly.

British unemployment in January fell to 2,389,700, or 8.5 percent, continuing a decline that has continued for a year. The seasonally adjusted unem-ployment rate for December was 8.6 percent.

The Treasury said Britain's recovery looked bealthy and sustainable. "There is still a good deal of spare capacity in this economy," said Michael Portillo, employment secretary.

But business leaders were discouraged by other statistics that showed a seasonally adjusted fall of 0.9 percent in British retail sales in January, after a 0.5 percent increase in December. Average earnings rose 3.75 percent in 1994.

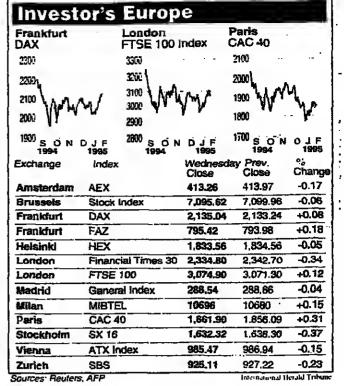
Analysts said that political wrangling over Britain's role in the European Union - including the degree to which it would go along with the increasing integration favored by some EU members - bad unnerved financial markets.

(AP, Reuters)

■ Germany Predicts Growth Germany said it expected

fourth-quarter gross domestic product growth to be higher than the 24 percent reported for the third quarter, AFX News reported from Bonn.

Germany's Economics Ministry said in its February report that the economy as a whole had good prospects for 1995, domestically and abroad.



#### Very briefly:

Philipp Holzmann AG said its 2.7 percent increase in orders in 1994, to 14.21 billion Deutsche marks (\$9 billion), reflected growth in Asia, the United States and Europe outside Germany. • Kuwait is seeking suitable investment opportunities in Germany, especially Eastern Germany, the president of the Kuwait Investment Office said.

• Spain's balance of payments shifted to a surplus of 11.9 billion pesetas (\$91 million) in December from a 72.5 billion peseta deficit a year earlier.

Finland's unemployment rate was 19.9 percent in January, and annual inflation was at 1.9 percent. Industrial output rose 11.2

 Thomson-CSF's revenue rose 6 percent last year, to 36.4 billion French francs (\$7 billion).

• Eridania-Bêghin-Say SA said 1994 sales at the French sugar and food company rose 4 percent, to 51.21 billion francs.

• IRI Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, a state holding company, has asked an investment bank to revalue the Italian overnment's remaining steel operations, which probably will delay their sale to Riva, a private steel group.

• Greece's unemployment rate is expected to surpass 10 percent this year for the first time ever, after joblessness reached 9.61 percent in January.

Lyonnaise des Eaux Dumez SA said 1994 sales rose to 98.81 billion francs from 93.56 billion francs a year earlier.

 France's current account surplus narrowed to an adjusted 1.36 billion francs in November from 3.06 billion in October.

 Matra-Hachette SA's 1994 sales fell to 53.03 billion francs from 53.98 billion francs a year earlier. • Electricité de France 1994 profit before remittances to the state

rose 3.2 percent from a year earlier, to 3.2 billion francs. Sales fell slightly because of mild weather. AFX, AFP, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg

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TOKYO - Sony Corp. said Wednesday that restructuring at its troubled movie subsidiary and better sales of its wide range of products helped con-solidated net profit rise 50 percent in its latest quarter.

The consumer electronics and entertainment conglomerare posted group net profit of 25.2 billion yen 1\$255 million) for the three months ended Dec. 31., up from 16.8 hillion yen in the corresponding quar-

Sales rose 7.2 percent to 1.14 trillion yen, although revenue from the movie business fell 11.4 percent to 76.3 billion yen.

#### **Electronics** Boost Profit At Canon

TOKYO - Canon loc. said Wednesday its 1994 profit jumped 44 percent because of cost-cutting, higher prices on some products sold overseas and brisk sales of ink-jet printers and computer-chip manufac-turing equipment.

The maker of cameras and office equipment said current profit, which is before taxes, rose to 53.9 billion yen (\$546 millioo) from 37.4 billion yen in 1993, while sales climbed 4 percent, to 1.078 trillion yen.

Canon said the yen's rise in value against other currencies cost it 62,7 billion yen in sales last year, but the company said it had more than offset that loss, primarily by selling 10.4 percent more computer peripherals, particularly printers, and 53 percent more steppers, which are

The story of the year has been the cootinued explosive growth in the semiconductor-productioo equipment market," said Joseph Osha, an analyst at Baring Securities Ltd.

used to make chips.

Canon said it would spend 4 billion yen to increase production capacity for stepper units at a plant outside of Tokyo.

proved quality and lower prices oo its bubble-jet prioters bad led to increased sales.

deputy president, said cost-cutting and restructuring at Sony Pictures Entertaioment, the group's movie-production arm, helped overall earnings. "We have cut a lot of red ink at Sony Pictures," he said, declining to give detailed figures.

Sony bought the U.S.-based Columbia movie studios in 1989 for \$4.9 billion, renaming them Sony Pictures Entertainment. The unit failed to produce a major hit last year, leading some executives to resign and prompting Sony to embark on a major restructuring.

Mr. Hashimoto said Sony's movie business was still unprofitable, although its loss was shrinking. "We are not certain when the movie business will turn profitable," he said.

Sooy's main business of selling consumer electronics goods is appareouly picking up. Mr. Hashimoto said sales of video equipment rose 3.4 percent in the quarter, while audio sales increased 4.5 percent and televisioo sales grew 15.8 percent. He added that U.S. and Asian markets led the rise in sales.

Revenue from Sony's music business fell 4.1 percent to 158.5 billion yen, aided by good sales of records by Mariah Carey and Pearl Jam.

Analysts, meanwhile, said the company's fortunes would keep improving as demaod picked up, despite problems at the movie subsidiary. "We see a recovery in Sony's underlying businesses continuing," said Barry Dargan, an analyst at S.G. Warburg Securities (Japan) Inc.

The strength of the Japanese yen prevented sales from rising even more. Sooy sells 72 percent of its products to overseas buyers who pay in U.S. dollars

cuts into profit.
Mr. Hasbimoto said the change in the yen's value be-tween the third quarter of 1993 and the third quarter of 1994 cost Sony about 52 billioo yen in revenue.

In November, the company said it expected a group net loss of 285 billion yen for the year ending March 31, on sales of about 3.92 trillion yen. Sony has not changed that forecast.

Sony shares closed at 4,570 yen on Japan's stock markets Wednesday, down 130. The stock bas fallen 18.76 percent so 6.11 percent fall in the value of the Topix index of all listed

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

# Case of Investor Burnout? China's Power Projects Fail to Draw Funds

China Starts Taxing Property Gains

The land value appreciation

tax - which taxes gains on

property transactions at rates

from 30 percent to 60 percent

- will be levied immediately,

implementing regulations pub-lished Wedoesday in major

The tax, designed to pour

cold water on real-estate specu-

lation, had been on ice since its

initial publication at the start of

last year. Foreign real-estate

companies pulled back from

China, fearing all developers would be burt by the tax.

Chinese papers.

BEIJING - In a frank criticism of China's power industry, a U.S. banker has told a seminar here that foreign investors are going elsewhere because of low returns in China. Jackson Tai, chairman of J.P. Morgan &

Co.'s Asia-Pacific Management Committee, told the meeting on China power-project financing that China "has not been getting it right" in its attempt to attract foreign investment to the power sector.

Shi Dazhen, China's minister of the power

industry, was in the audience. "The money exists, but it is moving to Indonesia, India, Pakistan, the Philippines and Malaysia," Mr. Tai said, according to a copy of his speech. "Investors want to invest in China, but it has been too difficult." Some Asian power projects are offcring returns of as much as 20 percent a year as

countries battle to keep energy supplies rising in line with rapid economic growth. Beijing has not offered returns close to that amount. Mr. Tai's comments come as Hazel R. O'Leary, the U.S. energy secretary, arrived in Hong Kong for a 10-day visit to the territory and China. She is leading a delegation of about 60 U.S. executives and government officials involved in the energy industry.

Mrs. O'Leary's mission hopes to net be-

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a capital-gains tax on real-es-

tate investment Wednesday af-

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velopers' complaints that the tax was too high into account and outlined deductions that

solve a lot of their problems,"

said Zhang Zhiyong, deputy di-

rector of foreign taxation at the

State Tax Administration.

We have taken foreign de-

BEIJING - China launched

tween \$4 billion and \$8 billion in deals, according to a press release from her office.

Mr. Tai of J.P. Morgan told the seminar that China's best method of raising foreign capital would be through power projects that

were self-financing.

He said foreign investors would need two conditions met before investing: an "adequate" price for power and the ability to change yuan into foreign currency so that they did not take on foreign-exchange risks.

"If asked to take this risk, they will ask for a
much higher return," Mr. Tai said.

China urgently needs to build more power plants, be said. "Every day that China delays the construction of infrastructure is a day when the people of China pay a cost," he said. Mr. Shi, the power-industry minister, acknowledged that more work oeeded to be done on the Chinese side.

"Foreign funds are an effective supplement to our domestic capital for project financing," Mr. Shi said. "However, to introduce these, we need to introduce competitive bidding and put in place the legal and financial infrastruc-

ture needed to attract foreign expital."
Yao Zhenyan, governor of the state development bank, said the bank bad directed about 30 percent of its total loans of 82 billion yuan (\$9.7 billion) to the power industry.

We've bad this hanging over

us for 14 months; it must be

positive to have this elarified."

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Hong Kong shares, led by

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rose about 6 percent.

# Daewoo Says It Will Streamline

SEOUL — Daewoo Corp., the South Korean trading group, said Wednesday it would undergo a major reorga-nization in a bid to give itself a leaner image and a larger inter-

national presence.

Kim Woo Choong, the group's chairman, said he would spin off seven subsidiaries and list three new units by 1997. "I decided on the sweeping reforms to separate owner-ship completely from management and to foster greater autonomy," he said.

In compliance with government efforts to encourage conglomerates to concentrate on core businesses, the Daewoo group has targeted five strategic business lines: automobiles, heavy industry, electronics and telecommunications, construc-tion, and service industries (including trading and finance).

Daewoo, South Korea's

fourth-largest conglomerate in terms of assets, said it would sell four of its companies, merge four others into two and give up a controlling stake in another. Daewoo also said it planned

to list Daewoo Motor Co., Daewoo Automotive Components Co. and Daewoo Informatioo Systems Co. on the Seoul bourse by 1997. Meanwhile, the Daewoo group was fined \$3.24 million

Parker, a consulting firm that Wednesday for having an excessive bolding in Daewoo Heavy Industries Co., Korea's real-estate companies, moved higher on the news. The Hang Fair Trade Commission said. The 42 percent stake violated

Seng index rose 3 percent, to antitrust regulatioos, under which companies affiliated with Shares in New World Devel-South Korea's top 30 conglomopment Co., which has more erates are forbidden to hold than 40 developments in China, more than a 30 percent stake in a sister firm. (Reuters, AFX)



#### Very briefly:

 The Philippines' trade deficit widened 25 percent, to \$7.8 billion in 1994 from \$6.2 billion the previous year; total trade last year grew 20 percent, to \$34.67 billion from \$28.97 billion.

 Metro Pacific Corp., the Philippine unit of Hong Kong's First
 Pacific Co., said 1994 profit rose 29 percent, to 235.4 million pesos (\$9.4 million); the company's shares fell 3 percent, to 3.30 pesos. Giordano Holdings Ltd., the clothing retailer founded by the Hong Kong businessman Jimmy Lai, said 1994 profit grew 41.9 percent from 1993, to 195.3 million Hong Kong dollars (\$25 million). Sales rose 22 percent, to 2.9 billion dollars.

 Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd. will raise 5 billion Hong Kong dollars through a syndicated loan to build an expressway in Hong Kong; HSBC Capital Ltd. and China Development Finance Co. will arrange the deal.

• Shanghai Tire & Rubber Co., China's largest tire producer, said 1994 profit would top 100 million yuan (\$12 million); the compaoy had expected net profit of 290 millioo yuan. Shanghai Tire is considering issuing a \$120 million Eurobood this year.

- Tyson Foods Inc. and Great Wall Enterprises Co. of Taiwan, a producer of livestock feed and salad oil, were reported close to agreeing on a \$22 million joint venture to raise poultry in China.

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# Thai Company Attempting that ultimately must be repatriated into yen. A weak dollar To Sell Bumble Bee Tuna

BANGKOK - An executive from Unicord Co., one of the world's largest tuna canners, said Wednesday the company was negotiating the sale of Bumble Bee Seafoods Inc., its unprofitable American unit.

The executive, who asked that his name not be used, said Unicord's president, Durori Konuntakiet, had beld talks with several U.S. companies.

"There have been talks, but even we doo't know if a buyer or price has been set," the executive said.

A Thai oewspaper said Star-Kist Foods Inc., which is owned by H.J. Heinz Co., and Stokely-Van Camp Inc., a unit of Quaker Oats Co., were both interested buyers. The asking price for Bumble Bee is \$240 million, according to the newspaper Poodjadgam.

"That price seems way out of line with what Bumble Bee is worth," said an executive in the fisheries industry. "They have on isn't worth that."

Bumble Bee is the world's second-largest tuna brand, behind Star-Kist and ahead of Chicken of the Sea, Van Camp's main brand. Unicord bought Bumble Bee in 1988 for \$280 million.

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#### HEWLETT: Personal-Computer Resurgence Gives Company New Life who succeeded Robert J. Fran- lett-Packard sold before 1992 small rebellioo within the com-

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been, it remains a work in progress: Hewlett-Packard still lacks an entry in the fast-growing home computer market and is racing to make up for lost time in that segment.

In retrospect, the company's earlier underperformance in PCs is hardly mysterious. Hewlett-Packard's personal computers were robust and reliable, but they were priced 25 percent higher than comparable models from JBM and Compaq Computer Corp. — and at the time, those companies were losing market share to second-tier clone machines from vendors like Dell Computer Corp. and Gateway 2000 Inc. that were priced 25 percent lower yet.

Moreover, most of Hewlett-Packard's PC sales were through its direct sales force when the bulk of the industry was selling through stores and mail order.

Today, of course, the architects of the turnaround at Hewlett-Packard are quick to con-cede their mistakes. "The product had been wrongly posiconed, in the wrong channels and at the wrong price points," said Richard C. Watts, vice president and general manager of Hewlett-Packard's personalinformation products group. The PC "was a convenient

terminal oo which we could make a few more bucks - big mistake," be said. "It took us a long time to figure out some fairly fundamental rules of the

Enumerating those rules was the easy part, said Mr. Watts,

kenberg, now chief executive of Novell Inc., as head of the division last year.

Rule No. 1, said Mr. Watts, was that prices bad to come down. Rule No. 2 was that the company had to convince dealers that Hewlett-Packard was a serious contender. And No. 3. perhaps the hardest, was that the company had to find a way to differentiate its products from what was increasingly thought of as a commodity. The difficulty, of course, lay in the

Many of the PCs that Hew-

were purchased by companies that had adopted its large computer systems. In those minicomputer and small maioframe-class machines, Hewlett-Packard was a technology

Some loyal users of those machines might be persuaded to pay a premium for Hewlettckard's PCs, but they could hardly generate the sales necessary to be a leading participant in the PC business.

Still, leaving its bome turf for the rough and tumble of the broader PC market required a increasingly global.

pany. "I was under pressure from some H-P managers to go into bighly differentiated niches, but when you do that, there is oot much volume," said Jacques Clay, general manager of Hewlett-Packard's personal computer division, which is based in Grenoble, France. "So the first thing I did was to take us back into the price-sensitive

broader market. Basing the desktop business in France reflected both Hewlett-Packard's historic strength in the European market and its belief that its growth would be

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of our Chairman and dear friend

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# Britain's Hide Determined to Be Not Just Bowe's Punching Bag

Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribut

ROMFORD, England - The others all seem to have been treading Water for years now, waiting for Mike Tysoo to come out and beam them back from somewhere out in the fourth dimension. George Foreman, Riddick Bowe, Larry Holmes, Lennox Lewis, Tommy Morrison. Frank Bruno - they're like the crew of those Star Trek movies, cashing in on what they used to represent.

On the day Tysoo's release date from prison for rape was announced as glamorously as the premiere for a Jurassic Park II ("Coming to Your Theater March 25"), Herbie Hide was walking down a scruffy street in suhurban London and disappearing around the corner into a gym no larger, probably, than Tysoo's old jacuzzi. Hide is the heavyweight champion of the world, according to

the World Boxing Organization — the least credible of all the incredible sanctioning hodies. That status makes it worth a reported \$3.2 millioo to Hide for risking his title against former champioo Riddick Bowe on March 11 in Las Vegas.

The two things people remember about Herbie Hide are (1) that Bowe's wife fell asleep on her hubby's shoulder ringside in 1993 as they watched Hide shake the British heavyweight title from the largely uo-remarkable Michael Murray, and (2) Hide's silly press-conference hrawl before he took the WBO title last March from Michael Bentt, who was later diagnosed as having hrain problems and should never fight again.

ft is easiest to be skeptical of Hide. He may be 26-0 with 25 knockouts, but his best oppooent was Bentt At 6 feet, 2 inches and 217 pounds (1.9 meters and 98 kilograms), Hide is thought to be too small for Bowe.

Everyooe seems to agree that Bowe, who will earn only \$1 million in his effort to be recognized as a champioo by somebody — anybody — before Tyson comes out, is going to maul Hide. But one thing to consider is that Hide is only 23. All of the others waiting for Tyson are having trouble motivating themselves. Hide, for all of his deficiencies yet to be disproved, is the only ooe peaking for

"I'm tired. I'm training three times a day so it's natural," he said from the office of his British promoter, Barry Hearn, around the corner from the gym. "I don't know how fit Bowe is, but I know he's pot going to be training near as hard as me."

Hide was born in Nigeria and was 2 years old when he came to England, where his mother remarried. He grew up in Norwich, "in the country," where he says he always knew he

ing to do with becoming rich in those

"I went away to boarding school, f must have been 10," he said, "f was getting into a bit of trouble as a kid, and my parents wanted to get me away from that. At the first boarding school, I was the only black kid. At the second one I went to, I was one of maybe four black kids. See, I was a hig guy, and I could fight, so oo one dared me. I'd throw punches, kick, everything. I'd be 11 or 12, and 15- or 16-year-old kids would be scared of me. I've always known I was going to the top because that was how I always looked at myself."

"Boxing's more glamorous than when I was growing up," he said to finish the point. "Now you have Frank Bruno, Lennox Lewis, Chris

kind earning £1,000 a fight. That's not glamour."

He hasn't been hyped in anticipa-tion of the Bowe fight, and surprisingly, he doesn't complain about "Herbie's a young 23-year-old and basically he just oeeds to live in gyms," Hearn said. Io truth, Hide hasn't earned widespread appeal, but all of a sudden he is within 12 rounds of it. If Bowe hasn't been taking his challenge seriously, if the younger, hungrier man wins, then out of nowhere someone named Herbie Hide ("it does sound like one of those faked-up stage names," he admits) becomes the most credible heavyweight champion and No. 2 in line, after Foreman, to meet Tyson.

Eubank, myself, Nigel Benn — there we've got to be among the people the world.

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would be the prizefighter he has become, in the truest sense. It had oother to do not be the prizefighter he has become, in the truest sense. It had oother are millionaires. When I was a kid, oo rubhish you hear about a \$100 milone in England was earning that kind lion title fight," Hearn said, "Boxing of mooey. Only boxers I saw were the kind earning £1,000 a fight. That's not glamour."

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> Hide said, "When Bowe fights me, in his mind he won't he fighting me.
> He'll be thinking about what he can
> do after me. In his mind he'll be
> fighting someone else."

In the gym. Hide was met by three higger sparring partners with full bellies, and they were fed willingly to him, one after the other, for two rounds each. They shouted encour-agement to him before and after he clubbed them in the head, because at least he is going somewhere, and they can say they helped get him there. He may he fed to Bowe, who will be fed to Tyson, but then again he may oot. "If he can beat Riddick Bowe, then He may become the higgest thing in

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ZURICH - Yielding to African pressure, soccer's govern-ing body decided Wednesday to give Nigeria a second chance to host this year's World Youth Championships.

FIFA's emergency commit-tee upheld last week's decision that the competition should not go ahead as scheduled March 11-26 because of reports of outbreaks of cholera and meningitis in two of the four host cities.

However, the committee agreed to send an inspection team to Nigeria and FIFA's general secretary, Joseph Blatter, said the tournament could be held there later io the year. Blatter said the inspection team, composed of experts from FIFA, the World Health Organization and an interna-tional risk insurance consultancy, would issue its recommendation by the end of March.

If the report is favorable, the tournament could be staged in the summer, possibly in July, he said. If oot, theo FIFA would have to think of moving it to

another venue. It would be difficult to hold the competition later in the year because of clashes with other

soccer fixtures. FIFA said Friday it was canceling the tournament because of reports of cholera and meningitis. Those reports were angrily denied by Nigeria.

will sue an Australian oewspaper for reporting that he had offered bribes. His team was playing its third Test against Zimhabwe. Babashola Rhodes, chairman of the country's National Sports Commission, who had come to Zurich as a part of 13member delegation to appeal the decision, said after Blatter's announcement that he was "quite happy" with Wednesday's decision.

The word cancellation has been taken away. We have the opportunity to host the competition," Rhodes said.

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# Auguin Sets 1-Day Mark In BOC's Sailing Race

NEW YORK — Christophe Auguin of France has set a 24hour record for the third leg of does Provoyeur of South Africa the BOC Challeoge, sailing was fourth. Two other Ameri-350.4 nautical miles across the cans - David Scully and Arnet southern Pacific oo Tuesday, the headquarters of the around-

the-world race reported. The solo sailors farther back had been roughed up by a lowpressure storm that carried winds of up to 60 knots.

Auguin, the defending champion, widened his lead over countryman Jean Luc Van den Heede to 239 nautical miles (382 kilometers), as the fleet raced towards Puota del Este, Uruguay, and the next finish

Auguin estimated Tuesday he will round a landmark of the third leg, South America's Cape Horn, on Feh. 19 or 20.

Steve Pettengill of the United States was in third place, 455 miles behind, while Jean Jacques Provoyeur of South Africa Taylor --- were fifth and sixth in Class I, for boats up to 20 meters (60 feet)

In Class II, for boats up to 17 meters, David Adams of Australia had moved up slightly on the leader. Giovanni Soldini of Italy, cutting Soldini's lead to 63 miles from 89 a day earlier.

Alan Nebauer of Australia, in fourth place among the smaller yachts, reported that his boat had been knocked down hy 60-knot winds that churned up the seas.

"Not a happy day," he told race headquarters, adding that he had "a few cuts and hruises, I feel like I'm in a war.'



**BUT GRAF** COMES NEXT -**Martina Hingis** eliminated last year's finalist, Julie Halard of France, 6-4, 6-1, on Wednesday in the Paris Open. On Thursday, the Swiss prodigy, who is only 14, will face Steffi Graf, who needed only 45 minutes to rout Yelena Makarova of Russia, 6-2, 6-1, and showed little signs of rusti-ness although, be-cause of injuries, she has played just

two matches since

September.

#### Melbourne's The Age newspaper reported that the Australian spin bowlers Shane Warne and Tim May would allege in reports to the Australian Cricket Board that Malik had offered them money to lose the first test in Karachi last year. For the Record

Guo Qinglong, head of the Chinese Swimming Association, called oo the Pan Pacific Swimming Association to reconsider its banning of China athletes from oext August's championships, hot denied reports that China probably would boycott international

**English Rioters Halt Soccer Match** 

English fans began throwing pieces of seats at Irish fans.

DUBLIN (AP) - England's exhibition soccer match against

Referee Dick Jol called the players off the field after 28 minutes

with Ireland leading, I-0, as the fans, many fueled hy alcohol,

ripped up wooden benches and threw the pieces at Irish spectators

below them. Some people were injured and treated oo the field

while police moved in to arrest the English fans, some 4,000 of whom were among the 50,000 at the game.

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - Pakistan's cricket captain, Salim

Malik, denied allegations of match fixing Wednesday and said he

Pakistan's Malik Denies Allegations

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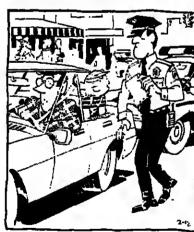
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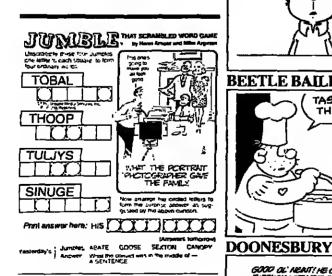
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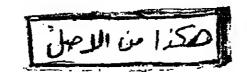




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# Spring Training's Started in Arizona—for 2 Perplexed Japanese Teams

By Harvey Araton
New York Tunes Service

PEORIA, Arizona - The best professional baseball teams in the United States are conducting spring training in this flat suburh of Phoenix, morning through night, rain or shine. Their seasons begin April I. There will be oo strike, no lockout, not this season, not any season.

"Not for 2,000 years," said Ito Yanagi, in a soft rain outside the clubbouse of the Chiba Lotte Marines. He waved his hand as if in disgust. "We don't have that stuff."

Yanagi, a no-nonsense interpreter for the Japanese League's Pacific Division team, kept his head dry with a white cap that had a blue "M" on the front. The caps were everywhere on the San Diego Padres'

side of the Peoria Sports Complex, on the heads of 60-plus players clattering around in their spikes and even the Japanese re-porters striding alongside.

Across the complex, on the Seattle Mariners' side where the Chunichi Dragons were making similar use of an inclement day, an American father and son strolled the grounds, wearing blue Chunichi caps bearing the stylish white "D." The father explained how they got the caps at the Dragons-Marines exhibition game last

"It hit me that 2,500 American fans watched two Japanese teams play, and it's the only legitimate game they may see for a while," said Tom House, nonpracticing psychologist and the Chiba Lotte pitching coach under the new manager, Bobby Valentine. "Is that crazy, or what?"

To the Japanese, the major leagues' bit-ter strike is simply that, another example of a gun-crazed society shooting itself in the foot. "People have to find a way to get along," said Yanagi, who makes sure the Japanese reporters understand the three

foreign American players, or guijin, Julio Franco, Pete Incaviglia and Eric Hillman. If Yanagi didn't come to that conclusion by watching the television evening news in the United States, or listening to Bud Selig and Donald Fehr, a van carrying a group of Japanese reporters in Phoenix was recently shot at by e car of youths who shouted racial slurs.

Hillman, a left-hander for once pitched for the New York Mets, and who had a job lined up with the post office in Port St. Lucie, Florida, had he not been signed by Valentine, was suddenly eager to move on "The labor situation had nothing to do with me being here," he said. "My wife and I have always wanted to see Jepan, to live in a society where people have respect for one another.

Outside the United States, but still very much in the global economy. House was recently in Scoul, where he found Los Angeles Dodgers' merchandise on every corner. The Dodgers have a Korean pitch-er, Chan Ho Park, and have just signed a Japanese pitcher. Hideo Nomo. Their rotation could soon include a Korean, a Japanese, a Mexican and a Dominican.

"If that's not a statement, 1 don't know what is," House said. "I don't know when, but I can see a couple of major league teams in Japan, one in Seoul and one in Hawaii, as the stopover on the way. Think

Think of the potential global-generated revenue, and this labor war might seem like a battle over sand castles in the desert. "It's so nonproductive, so self-destructive that the Japanese can't relate to it at all," Valentine said.

Yes, there is a Japanese players' union. No, there isn't a snowball's chance in Arizona of the Japanese game shutting down. The minimum salary for a Japanese player is \$160,000, higher than in the major

There are \$4 million Japanese players but they negotiate their own deals. No agents. And no free agency until after 10 years.

The difference, said House, is that Chiba and the other corporations that own the teams traditionally offer players lifetime employment. Unlike the resentment bred by imperious American owners, baseball labor relations in Japan have historically been cordial.

"The players are much less individualistic," House said. "Discipline is a way of

occasionally disturbed by headstrong gai-"We had Mel Hall last season," Ito

Yanagi said of the former New York Yankee who now plays for the Chunichi Drag-ons. "He was a pain."

Later, with reporters from both countries waiting in the rain for Incaviglia and Franco, the two American stars slipped out a side door, and disappeared. The Chiba Lotte's embarrassed public relations people apologized profusely. This sort of conduct baffled them, too.

# Antitrust Bill Introduced In Senate

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The Associated Press WASHINGTON - Legislation that would partially repeal major league baseball's 73-yearold antitrust exemption has been introduced by senators

trying to end the strike.

The players have already voted to end their strike if this bill becomes law," Senator Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Tuesday.

Hatch said the hill, cospon-sored by Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democrat of New York, and Bob Graham, Democrat of Florida, is a new approach that would be limited to labor negotiations.

It would not affect baseball's ability to control franchise relocation, minor leagues or any other sport or franchise.

Currently, baseball players - unlike any other athletes or workers -- cannot sue in court when owners get together to set labor restrictions.

But Congressional leaders have said they don't think Congress should interfere with the baseball negotiations and have not backed President Clinton's effort to force the players and owners into binding arbitra-

The House Speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, said he did not support Hatch's proposal, either.

"I don't want the Congress to disadvantage cither side," Gingrich said. "I'm certainly willing to look at this issue, but I'm not sure I'm willing to use it as a club to beat up the owners on behalf of the players."

But by refusing to lift the antitrust exemption, "Congress by omission has already inter-

fered," said Hatch. Gingrich; the Senate Majority Leader, Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, and Clinton's special mediator, W.J. Usery, had a meeting scheduled Wednesday.

Hatch said the bill was being circulated in the House and that he would be talking to Dole about it.

He said it would be an uphill fight to get it passed before the baseball season is to start, "but it could be done if people understand this is not congressio-

nal intrusion.' The bill would allow players to sue owners if they unilaterally implement new work rules.

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# Mississippi State **Stuns Kentucky**

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ment bid in 1991, the school's had some recent success in the Southeastern Conference, including victories over Arkansas.

But then there is the 23dranked Bulldogs' 76-71 conference victory over No. 4 Kentucky on Tuesday night. It wasn't just over Kentucky, it was at Kentucky.

As in Mississippi State's first victory ever, in 17 games, at Rupp Arena. Its first in Lexington since 1967. Kentucky's first home loss this season.

"This is the biggest win of my career," said senior forward Marcus Grant, who had a ca-

**COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS** reer-high 23 points and seven assists, 'T've beaten Arkansas three times. It doesn't compare."

Grant was 6 for 8 from 3point range and the Bulldogs were 11 for 20 from there, Kentucky, stymied by a zone defense, shot only 36 percent and was 9 for 34 from beyond the arc. Kentucky, which had defeat-

ed 10 opponents in Rupp this season by an average of 26.3 points, trailed almost the entire second half, but closed to 71-68 on Walter McCarty's 15-foot cats. jumper with 2:51 to go. The Bulldogs then sank four of six free throws in the final minute.

No. 1 Connecticut 91, Georgetown 85: Ray Allen had 26 points as the Huskies won their first game as a No. 1 team, league road game.
Doron Sheffer had 16 points,

cight rebounds and eight assists for Connecticut, which trailed T turned up the pressure on de-fense and took the lead for good at 71-68 on Allen's 3-pointer with 5:41 left. Then Sheffer started getting the ball inside to extend the lead.

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George Washington 80, No. 5 Massachusetts 78; The Colosecond, coming 28 years after nials ended the nation's longest the first. And, the Bulldogs have home winning streak at 41 games and became the first Atlantic 10 team to sweep the Minutemen since 1992.

This victory came 10 days after the one that knocked Massachusetts from the No. 1 spot.

Kwame Evans scored 20 points and Alexander Koul had 18 for George Washington; Lou Roe had 22 points and 12 re-bounds for Massachusetts.

No. 15 Villanova 89, No. 11 Syracuse 87: Chuck Kornegay scored six of his 14 points in overtime, winning the game on a reverse layup with eight sec-onds left as the Wildcats won their 10th straight.

Syracuse's Michael Lloyd, who missed on a driving layup as regulation ended, drove the length of the floor as the final seconds ticked off, but his shot was blocked by Jason Lawson. Lawrence Moten had a careerhigh 36 points for the visiting Orangemen and became the school's career scoring leader with 2,177 points, 34 more than Derrick Coleman.

Kerry Kittles and Lawson each had 20 points for the Wild-

• The Big East said it will for the 1995-96 season to accommodate incoming members Notre Dame, Rutgers and West Virginia.

The additions give the conextended their record streak to ference 13 teams. Each men's 17 straight regular-season Big and women's team will play East conference victories and an 18-game league schedule won their eighth consecutive that will include home-andaway games with six teams and one game each with the other

for Connecticut, which trailed by eight in the second half but that all 13 men's and women's teams will play in the conference tournament.

Under a revised format, the top three teams will receive byes to the quarterfinals while the fourth through 13th seeds will play first-round games.

With the additions, the conference will include: Syracuse, Georgetown, Connecticut, Providence, Seton Hall, Pittsburgh, Villanova, St. John's, Boston College, Miami, Notre Dame, 1991, the home team shooting Rutgers and West Virginia.



Buck Williams and the Trail Blazers not only lost high-scoring Clyde Drexler, they ended up saddled with Lorenzo Williams and a loss to the Mavericks.

# Blazers' Star Drexler Is Traded to Rockets

Clyde Drexler is getting a new start. So are the Miami Heat.

Drexler has been traded to the defending NBA champion Houston Rockets, after 11½ seasons with the Portland Trail Blazers, and reunited with Phi Slamma Jamma teammate Hakeem Olajuwon.

"To me, this is so exciting,"
Olajuwon said Tuesday night after
the Rockets came back from the AllStar break with a 124-104 romp over the Los Angeles Clippers. "It seems like a dream, and now to see it is

actually happening."

Kevin Loughery had 3½ seasons with the Heat, but the team's new owners and general manager decided to start the second half of the NBA season with a new coach, firing Loughery and promoting his assis-

tant, Alvin Gentry.
Gentry made his coaching debut a winning one as the Heat beat Milwankee. The Golden State Warriors' new coach, Bob Lanier, wasn't as fortunate, as his team lost in Seattle.

Drexler, who had made his trade demands public, landed with the team that was his first choice. In exchange for their all-time leading scorer and forward Tracy Murray, the Trail Blazers get power forward Otis Thorpe, a conditional 1995 first-round draft pick and the rights to Spanish League player Marcelo Ni-cola, drafted by the Rockets in 1993. "We know this will change us, but we feel it will make us better," said

Houston's coach, Rudy Tomjano-The Rockets need Drexler for his

Despite a patchwork lineup that had three reserves as starters, the Rockets ran off 18 consecutive points early in the game and led by more than 20 most of the contest.

Pistons 106, Knicks 94: Rookie Grant Hill scored 25 points as Detroit beat New York for the first time in seven games. But it was the Pistons' seventh victory in their last nine

the third time in four games. Patrick Ewing led New York with

24 points, but made just nine of his 21 field-goal attempts.

Magic 111, Pacers 92: Dennis Scott sank four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and got 18 points to

lead Orlando over Indiana. Scott led a balanced scoring attack for the Atlantic Division leaders, who were 11-for-28 on 3-pointers. Horace Grant had 17 points and 16 re-bounds, while Anfernee Hardaway

had 16 points and Shaquille O'Neal and Nick Anderson 15 each. Heat 112, Bucks 99: Miami got 20 points from Billy Owens and beat

Milwaukee for the ninth straight

**NBA HIGHLIGHTS** 

time. The victory was Miami's fourth in its last five games.

Rookie Glenn Robinson scored 13 of his 30 points in the first quarter for the visiting Bucks. Todd Day added 23 points, but Milwaukee couldn't overcome 27 turnovers.

Spurs 112, Jazz 96: David Robinson's 29 points belped San Antonio post its 24th victory in 30 games and pulled the Spurs within 21/2 games of the Michwest Division-leading Jazz.

San Antonio hit four 3-pointers in the final nine minutes of the game ensure victory. Utah lost for the fourth time in five games after a 14-game winning streak.

Mavericks 95, Trail Blazers 90:
Portland got a look at what life with-

out Drexler will be like, as Jamal Mashburn scored 27 points and Jim Jackson 18 for Dallas, which had lost

SuperSonics 118, Warriors 108: All-Stars Gary Payton, Detlef Schrempf and Shawn Kemp combined for a 12-0 spurt in the last four minutes as Scattle spoiled Lanier's coaching debut.

Payton, who had 26 points, tied the score at 103 left on a 3-pointer with 4:03. Then Schrempf's 3-pointer put the Sonics ahead to stay.

# Jagr Gets 3 Goals and Assist as Penguins Push Mark to 11-0-1

It is too bad the Pittshurgh Penguins don't play baseball, because nobody has better replacement players than they do.

Mario Lemicux is sitting out the season for health reasons? Just plug in Jaromir Jagr, and possibly replace one NHL scoring champion with another. Lose Tom Barrasso to a wrist

ond of a loss. Kevin Stevens breaks an ankle and may miss a month? Re-

perhaps the only left winger better than Stevens. The Penguins didn't panie after losing so many good players, but perhaps the rest of the injury? Just insert Ken Wregleague should. The shortest of all NHL regular seasons already is one-quarter over, and eace. He's dominating right the Penguins still haven't lost, now, just like Lemieux did On the other hand, they haven't when he wasn't injured."

place him with Luc Robitaille,

On the other hand, they haven't pulled away from the Quebec Nordiques, either. With Jagr contibuting three empty-net goal with a millisecoals and an assist, the Penond left — but several plays he goals and an assist, the Penguins extended the fourth-longest season-opening unbeaten chances were vintage Lemienx streak in NHL history to 12 or Wayne Gretzky. games Tuesday night with a 5-3

victory over the Boston Bruins.

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seasons ago. Jagr "was terrific all night," said Boston's goaltender, Vin-cent Riendeau. "Yoo look at

85. The streak is the Penguins'

longest since they won an

NHL-record 17 in a row two

this game and he was the differ-NHL HIGHLIGHTS

Jagr's goals looked easy —he had a couple of tap-ins and an made to set up his scoring

ames Tuesday night with a 5-3 "We have so much confictory over the Boston Bruins." dence right now," said Jagr, the The Penguins' 11-0-1 start is NHL scoring leader with 13

He needed just 1:08 to get a goal off Larry Murphy's interception and setup pass. The as-sist moved Murphy past Bobby Orr into fourth place on the all-time NHL scoring list for de-

Joe Mullen added his eighth said, grinning widely. "No, no, oal and Ron Francis extended don't say I said that." goal and Ron Francis extended his season-long scoring streak to 12 games with his fifth as Pittsburgh opened a 3-1 first-period lead against a team that had allowed only 24 goals in 11

Jagr's second goal of the game made it 4-2 as Boston put only 15 shots on Wregget in the first two periods. The Bruins threw 23 at him in the third period — Pittsburgh had just three — but the too-late flurry wasn't enough.

get, who has played every min-ute of the Penguins' 12 games this season — and not one sec-this season — and not one sec-

The Bruins are 0-7-1 in Pitts-

burgh since January 1990, while Jagr 30 points — 13 goals and 17 assists — in just 17 regularscason games against them. "Boston, that's my team," he

Nordiques 3, Islanders 2: Va-leri Kamensky had a hand in all of visiting Quebec's scoring, producing two goals and an as-sist as the Nordiques boosted their record to 11-1-0.

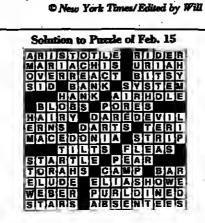
They trail the Penguins by a point in the Northeast Division. Goaltender Stephane Fiset started his 10th game for the Nordiques, stopping 29 shots. Islander goalie Jamie McLennan also stopped 29, but took his fourth loss.

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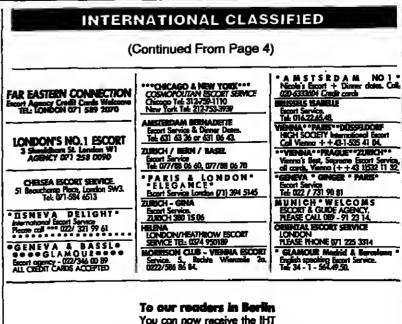
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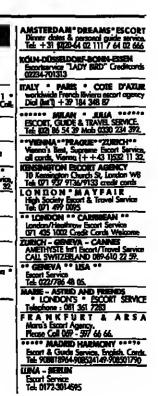








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# Expert Advice on O. J.

on for such a long time, I decided to hire my own legal expert to sit in my living room and discuss the case with me. I did this because I don't trust any of the TV commentators, and it's nice to have your own lawyer to explain the intricacies of the trial.

John Kasper is one of the top criminal lawvers in the country. He usually charges \$500 an bour hui agreed to cut his fee to \$450 because f was a pro hono



Buchwald

We were watching the defense cross-examine a male

prosecution witness.
"Why are they asking him if he ever pushed his grandmother down the stairs in her wheel-

"They have to destroy the person's credibility," John said, "and the only way they can do that is to put him on trial instead of O. J.'

"That seems unfair," I told John. "All the witness is trying to do is be a good citizen and testify about what he found in O. J.'s car."

"As far as the defense is concerned, anyone who appears on behalf of the prosecution is a war criminal. That's why they

#### Part of Uffizi Is Reopened

of more than 60 contemporary artists have gone on display in to those testifying is that they are the Uffizi Gallery to mark the all state witnesses. Once the dereopening of a room in the museum that was damaged by a bomb in 1993. The bomb, which officials attributed to the Mafia, killed five people,

WASHINGTON — Since ask questions such as how many the O. J. trial will be going quarts of alcohol he consumes on the job, where he buys his marijuana, and why be only goes to movies with call girls. The defense must persuade the jury that the witness is a pervert

and a menace to society."

I said, "How do you think these tactics are playing with the jury?"
"I don't think that O. J.'s

lawyers have persuaded them up until now. On the other hand, the defense bas yet to bring up the witness' habit of wearing Victoria's Secret lingerie under his police uniform."
"Does he?"

"No. The judge will strike the question from the record, hut that would be after the jury heard it, which is the defense's intent.

"Is the prosecution equally determined to destroy some-one's reputation for life?"

Almost the same, In order to be successful, lawyers have to keep shooting the other side's witnesses in the groin." I asked John if he ever felt bad

when be threw so much mud at the other side's witnesses. "Of course not. When witnesses agree to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, they're asking for trouble."

"How do you think the trial is really going?" I wanted to

John replied, "I believe that the defense is doing a good joh of distracting the jury from the facts of the case. What they really want to do is get Judge Ito so mad that he'll say something to cause a mistrial. But that may FLORENCE - The works not happen for a while. The only reason the state has been polite fense witnesses take the stand. the district attorney will dump

DNA evidence all over them.

That's the way the justice cookie

# Paul Bowles at 84: The Permanent Tourist

By David Streitfeld Washington Post Service

ATLANTA — Don't look up. Above this unre-markable condo development is a sky the color of skim milk. It's a blah sky, useless, a heaven that offers neither solace nor inspiration. A man might be tempted to give up under such a sky, especially if he is in his 84th year and crucial parts of his body no longer function.

It's a seductive thought, surrendering. Just about the only thing that keeps Paul Bowles going is the knowledge that in three days he will be returning to Morocco, where the sky is so expansive and beguiling and blue that it sometimes seems possible, even desirable, to lose oneself in it.

Will he ever come back to the United States? "I hope not," he says. Not even for the Paul Bowles Festival, planned to

be held here in the spring of 1996?
"Maybe I'll be too ill," be said. "I bope so.

Anything to keep from coming." Until medical emergencies forced two trips in quick succession, Bowles had not been to America in 26 years. But America came to him. For nearly balf a century, the novelist and composer has been one of the most famous American expatriates, his apartment in Tangier a required stop for anyone with literary pretensions traveling in North Africa. Bowles has been associated with many of the

important literary movements of the century, from Paris in the '20s to the Beats in the '50s to the smallpress underground of the '70s. He learned music from Aaron Copland and Virgil Thomson, was practically adopted by Gertrude Stein, had his last name appropriated by Christopher Isherwood to memorialize a certain cabaret singer named Sally, shared a house with W. H. Auden, wrote music for theatrical pieces by Orson Welles, Jean Cocteau, Lillian Hell-man and Tennessee Williams. Bowles knew every-

body, back when people were worth knowing. He went everywhere — Central America, India, Mexico, Paris, Bangkok, Istanbul and, repeatedly, his beloved Sahara. The first time he saw the desert, he "had a big desire to keep going."

"That's the main thing - to continue and continue," he said. "f didn't ask what would happen. I didn't think anything would happen. I just thought I'd see more and more, I'd feel more and more. And finally, of course, I'd have to return."

It's a trip that few of his characters make success-

fully. In Bowles's first and most famous novel, "The

Sheltering Sky," the desert kills the young American hero, Port, and drives his wife, Kit, mad.

While never quite this dramatic, equally unfortunate things happened to Bowles's friends and acquaintances in Morocco. His wife, Jane, to take only the most prominent example, never recovered from the crippling stroke she suffered at age 40. There have always been allegations that Jane's lesbian



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lover, Cherifa, had poisoned her, something Cherifa had threatened to do.

"Many of my friends - and not just them, other people I knew — came to Morocco and either committed suicide or went crazy," Bowles says. "It's a place that destabilizes people."

He attributes his survival to "good luck," yet

surely there's more to it than that.

In February 1911, when Bowles was 2 months old. his mother's mother found him lying in a basket on the windowsill, window open and snow coming

down. Had she not rescued the infant he would have been dead within an bour. That, at least, is what she told the boy a few years later.

Paul was the only child of Claude, a dentist, and Rens, a charming, outgoing poet and culture maven. The writer's earliest memory, he once told a friend, was his father switching his bare less because he

couldn't go up the stairs fast enough.

By the time he was 17 he had published poetry in the magazine transition, somewhat equivalent to being published in The New Yorker today. By 19, he was bying in Paris and had embarked on the first

stage of his career as a composer.
While this brought him a certain acclaim in musical circles, the wider world first heard of him in 1949 with the publication of "The Sheltering Sky."
Other books following in rapid succession estab-

lished Bowles as one of the leading postwar writers. But in the '60s, when he concentrated on translating Moroccan writers into English, he was forgotten. In the '70s and '80s, the work was republished; redis-covery and reevaluation followed. By 1990, when Bernardo Bertolucci filmed "The Sheltering Sky,"

he was a classic. These days, Bowles is approaching the literary equivalent of canonization. In the past year and a half, there's been a fine anthology of his work titled "Too Far From Home," a book of photographs of the Sahara with essays by Bowles, a volume of Bowles's own photographs, a collection of his letters and a Penguin Portable split between the work of Bowles and his wife. There's also been a film documentary, an interpretative biography, a book of

interviews and a study of the short fiction.

On his previous trip to Atlanta, a few months ago, doctors put a shunt from his left leg into his right, hoping to restore circulation to the latter. This time. he had a cancerous growth on his nose removed.

Nevertheless, Bowles isn't sure he approves of being in Atlanta, or if he's even American anymore. "Culturally, how do Americans feel? Are they con-nected with any culture? Is an American anyone who lives here? In Morocco, I felt like a permanent tourist, a tourist who had put out an anchor. But here . . ." He shrugs.

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

#### **PEOPLE**

#### Sagan, in Paris Court, Admits Use of Cocaine

Prosecutors asked for a 50,000 franc (\$9,500) fine and an 18-month suspended sentence Wednesday for Françoise Sagan, on trial in Paris for cocaine use in the drug trial of 27 people. Sentencing was set for Feb. 24. The author was convicted of cocaine use in 1990, fined 10,000 francs and given a six-month suspended sentence. This time, prosecutors sought a more severe penalty. Sagan ad-mitted to the court that she used cocaine at the time of the arrest in 1992, but said she had since given it up. "Aside from myself, I've always recommended against using cocaine," she said.

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The American actress Betty Buckley, who has been in the London production of "Sunset Boulevard," is to replace Glenn Close in July in the New York Andrew Lloyd Webber said Wednesday. Meanwhile, speculations days Meanwhile, speculations are all the said webber said production of the hit musical, ie version. Lloyd Wehber said Close was certainly a major contender, but reports about Tom Cruise for the male lead were "news to me."

President Bill Clinton was nervous about playing in the Boh Hope Chryster Classie charity golf match in Palm Springs, California, partly be-cause he couldn't find his "old beat-up putter that's at least 35 years old" on arriving in San Francisco. Asked if he suspected foul play before his round with Bob Hope and two former presidents, Gerald Ford and George Bush, he agreed. "One of the Republican holdovers on the White House staff rulled." the White House staff pulled my putter out of my bag."

Roy Rogers, 83, the former singing cowboy, is in a hospital with chest pains in Loma Linda, California, but his son said he was resting comfortably.

#### WEATHER

# Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by Accu-Weather, | Cap | W | S | Cap | North America

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have dry weather through
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